

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 8, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin, and Peter Martell; Planning Board members Matt Holland and Lou Sidell; and guests Paul Zimmerman, Martha Ward, Craig Connery and Lisa Buker.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Final Piscataquis County Budget presented as approved by the commissioners with minor changes from the draft proposal. Overall increase of 1.63 percent.
5. Proposed agreement from the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District presented. The district has the authority to lien properties for unpaid sewer bills, similar to those rights held by the town. When the town forecloses for unpaid taxes, the sewer bills often go unpaid as the town's liens have priority standing. The district would like some assistance in collecting their balances. It was ordered that MMA and other towns be consulted as to their handling of this issue.
6. Matt Holland and Lou Sidell gave an update on their efforts putting a micro-loan program together anticipating it might be included on the warrant at the annual town meeting. Manager directed to determine appropriate language and requirements after consulting with counsel.
7. Martell advised that the replacement door had been installed at the C.H.Lightbody Medical Center and the replacement LED exterior light fixtures had been received, soon to be installed as well. An energy credit should be forthcoming as well as a decrease in energy costs.
8. The Community Fitness Center has been given the OK to proceed with two of their three flooring projects. Work should be underway soon.
9. A duly advertised public hearing was held at the request of Paul Zimmerman and Martha Ward, DBA the Red Maple Inn, to transfer their liquor license and their amusement permit to their new location at 5 North Main Street. Martell questioned the distance requirement and asked if there was in fact a 300 foot separation. It depends on which door the measurement is taken from and where the final entrance is located. A lady from Liquor Enforcement had visited and said there is a lot of flexibility and the issue is not strictly enforced. Lander moved to approve the transfer and Dexter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-2.
10. Matt Holland and Lou Sidell presented a budget request for the Planning Board as well as a funding request for additional work on a comprehensive plan. Burdin asked what the time

frame for completion of the pan would be and was told three years at a cost of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars, depending on volunteerism. Lou added that a great deal more data was available from state agencies than in the past regarding demographics, and if an ordinance is questioned in court, as long as the Comprehensive Plan is being followed, towns generally prevail; more so than in a town without such a plan. Thompson agreed to place the question on the annual town meeting warrant.

11. An e-mail from the Guilford Memorial Library was read regarding their 2013 budget needs and thanking the board for past funding.

12. A septage contract from Patterson Brothers was reviewed and renewed as per Title 38 § 1305 (6). Motion by Burdin to approve was seconded by Dexter, and passed by unanimous vote.

13. On a Dexter motion and Martell second, Michelle Nichols was appointed Registrar of Voters for a two-year period.

14. Thomas Goulette was appointed Local Health Officer for a three year period following a motion by Dexter which was seconded by Lander.

15. Manager discussed upcoming equipment needs and mentioned that research was being done on both a replacement police cruiser and a sidewalk machine other than another Trackless.

16. The Fire Department slate of officers was reviewed for ratification by the board. Following a motion from Lander and a second from Burdin, the slate was approved in its entirety by unanimous vote.

17. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Lander the board went into executive session as per MRSA § 404 (6)(A)&(D) to discuss personnel matters. Time in: 8:17. Following a Lander motion and a Burdin second, the board voted to end the session. Time out: 8:46

Lander moved, Burdin seconded, and the board accepted the resignation of Joyce Burton as Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and all other duties as an employee of the town. The board expressed thanks and best wishes for her in future endeavors. Lander also moved that the town employees receive raises of \$.50 per hour or an equivalent salary hike. Burdin seconded the motion and it was accepted by unanimously.

18. Fire suppression contracts for the towns of Abbot and Parkman were renewed for another year at the same \$14,000.00 rate as in the past on a motion from Burdin; seconded by Lander.

19. Reminder: The Budget Committee meeting date was set for February 11th at the high school at 7:00 pm.

20. Second notice for warrant articles given to the board, deadline is February 1st.

21. Under Assessor's Issues, it was noted that the County Commissioners have scheduled a hearing regarding William Donald Ebbeling's abatement request and subsequent denial, for February 5th.
22. No items were brought before the board under Other Business.
23. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.