

Town of Guilford

Selectmen's Minutes - February 5, 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; HAD#4 Board member Amanda Thomas; and guests Dick Panciera, Paul Zimmerman, Martha Ward, Craig Connery, Lisa Buker, and Scott Guerney.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Letter from Superintendent Stearns read regarding budget concerns and reporting that there are not yet any solid numbers to apply to our municipal budget for the coming year.
5. Letter from Maine Service Centers Coalition again requesting that we join as a participating member. No action taken.
6. Letter of resignation from Alvin McDonald Jr. regarding his seat on the HAD#4 Board. Motion made by Martell and seconded by Dexter to accept with regret and sincere appreciation for past services.
7. No report on the micro-loan program.
8. Board had lengthy discussion on putting cemetery maintenance out to bid for the 2013 season. It was decided to have manager speak with current provider about expectations and duties and take the matter up at the March meeting.
9. A duly advertised public hearing was held at the request of Craig Connery, principal for Lake Region Apartments and Renovators, DBA Lisa's Pub, for a liquor license and an amusement permit at their 6 School Street premises. Attorney Scott Guerney spoke in favor of the application and stated that his clients had a depth of experience in operating successful restaurants and pubs. Lander moved to approve and Dexter seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. A renewal application from Gene and Darlene Dami, DBA "G&D Golf n Grill", located at Piscataquis Country Club was received. Following a motion from Lander and a second from Dexter, the application was unanimously approved.
11. Amanda Thomas addressed the board as a representative of HAD#4. She spoke of new, positive developments at the hospital such as a swing bed policy whereby patients could have options to remain at the institution longer, prior to moving to another facility; the establishment of Patient Centered Medical Home Programs where a patient could get more medical services at one location; stepped up recruitment efforts; the acquisition of the Sunbury Clinic in Corinth which will expand their service area; and her own efforts to locate an additional provider for the Guilford practice at the C. H. Lightbody Medical Center. Dexter thanked her for the report stating it was the first time the board had received one and the remaining members commended her for a fine job.
12. The Piscataquis County tax warrant was presented for review and signatures. Burdin and Lander respectively moved and seconded the unanimous approval.
13. Delinquent tax rate for 2013 property taxes discussed. State maximum is seven percent again this year. Motion made by Burdin, seconded by Lander to recommend this amount to the town for delinquent taxes with a return rate of 3 percent for any paid and later abated taxes.
Unanimous
14. Manager presented a resolution that the town accept a bequest from the estate of Ruth C. Goldstine in favor of Guilford Memorial Library and forward necessary paperwork to the account manager.
15. Manager presented rough draft of a capital investment program to begin the planning and funding of large municipal purchase requirements, particularly equipment. This work in progress to be implemented at a later date when budgets are less volatile.
16. Selectmen reviewed manager's 2013-2014 annual budget
17. Reminder: The Budget Committee meeting date was set for February 11th at the high school at 7:00 pm.
18. Under Assessor's Issues, it was noted that the County Commissioners hearing regarding William Donald Ebbeling's abatement request was heard and a decision will be forthcoming within the next 60 days.
19. Under Other Business, the board was advised that a three county group was planning a meeting for school board members, municipal officials, and legislators from Hancock, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties, to be held at Hampden Academy on March 4th. Its purpose will be to update, discuss and prepare for proposed budget cuts to traditional municipal revenues and their effects on individual towns and cities. Superintendent Stearns and town manager Tom Goulette will be making a presentation.

20. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.