

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 2, 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; and guests Chief Jeff Libby, Richard Panciera, and Tony Draper.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Cemetery maintenance had been advertised for bid. One bid was received from Knowlescape in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the 2013 season with a notation that they wished also to handle the duties of sexton. Bid was unanimously accepted following a motion by Burdin and a second Dexter. Lander moved to appoint Jody Knowles of Knowlescape as sexton, Dexter seconded that motion, and Knowles was duly appointed for a one year term.
5. Chris Maas could not make it tonight.
6. Manager reported that our auditors had discovered that the Guilford Fire Department had two accounts under the town's tax ID number and that whereas they involved public funds, both accounts would need to be changed over to the town office and only town officials should be signing any checks involved. New signature cards were completed and the paperwork is now at the town office. Chief Libby questioned if there would be any changes in approving expenditures from the donations account and was told all else would remain unchanged.
7. The preliminary state valuation figures were received and reported. The overall values have dropped by \$650,000.00 from a year ago and the sales ratio study came in at 114. This indicates that Guilford's assessed property values are, on average, 14 per cent higher than actual, although some values were well under final sales prices while others were above them.
8. The liquor license application for the Red Maple Inn, Inc. was approved for renewal on a Lander motion with a Dexter second. Lander also moved to approve the special amusement permit, Martell seconded and it was so voted.
9. A junkyard permit for R & K towing was renewed with the condition that the code enforcement officer could make a visit to ensure continued compliance. Lander made the motion followed by a Burdin second.
10. Guilford Memorial Library was the beneficiary of generous bequest from Ruth Goldstine, a summer resident of Piper Pond and a faithful patron. Our librarian sent a note of thanks and acknowledgement.

11. It was further noted that the library was the recipient of a Stephen and Tabitha King grant for the purpose of finishing part of the library basement into public space. They were awarded \$25,000.00 and will seek contract bids this summer.

12. On a motion by Dexter, seconded by Martell, Jennifer Draper was appointed to the SAD#4 board for a two year period.

13. It was noted that there is no resident physician at the C. H. Lightbody Medical Center as expected and manager was directed to arrange a meeting with CEO Ed Hannon to discuss the town's concerns, preferably at the May board meeting.

14. Manager gave update three tax acquired properties that would be going up for bid, two from this year and one from last years' foreclosures. Bids would be opened on May 7th at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

15. Under Assessor's Issues, the board was informed that the County Commissioners had found in the town's favor regarding the abatement hearing for W.D. Ebbeling. The five assessing catalogs were distributed to the board members and two tree growth applications were presented for signature.

16. Under Other Business, manager informed the board he was seeking bids for a replacement police cruiser and as long as within the budget, may order it prior to the deadline in mid April.

17. Following a motion from Burdin with a Martell second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.