

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 7, 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 Richard Panciera, Tony Draper, Matt Holland, Amanda Thomas, Ed Hannon, Robert Juszczak, Frank Ruksznis, Thomas Ruksznis, Richard Dyer, Martha Ward, and Paul Zimmerman.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.

Ed Hannon, CEO of Mayo Regional Hospital addressed the board on physician recruitment issues at the Charles H. Lightbody Medical Center in particular and the hospital in general. He stated there is a severe shortage of primary care/ family practice doctors. They are now concentrating on Residency graduate students of the 2014 class year and in the meantime, have hired interim personnel on a contract basis, four days per week. They have also contracted with three firms to assist in finding recruits and are offering a \$30,000 finder's fee to the agency that produces a successful candidate. They offer a competitive package for a new physician, but it's a matter of supply and demand, reiterating the shortage of doctors looking for a rural location with hospital staff work and obstetrics practice. He further stated that the success of a regional hospital is dependent on primary care, family doctors. He ended with the assurance that Mayo has no intentions of closing the Guilford practice.

4. A letter from Superintendent Paul Stearns was read outlining the preliminary budget figures for the 2013-2014 school year. As it now stands, Guilford, which pays about 33 per cent of the districts local share, would see an increase of \$57,000 over last year, bringing its contribution to \$1,057,795.00.
5. A letter from Senator Doug Thomas was read explain the dire state of the state and its need to suspend revenue sharing to balance the budget. He noted that he could not ask the economically strapped Mainers to shoulder more taxes, evidently not realizing those same cash-strapped Mainers, at least the citizens of Guilford, would in turn be asked to shoulder the burden of higher property taxes instead.
6. A letter of resignation Jeanne Cookson, stepping down from the Library Board of Trustees was read and her resignation accepted following a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander.
7. Tax acquired property bids were opened and read. Parcel #1, a small lot on Salmon Stream Road received one bid for \$1250.00 which was accepted. Parcel #2, a house and garage on Blaine Avenue received five bids and the high bid of \$10,950.00 was accepted. Parcel #3, the 48 acres on Sebec Shores Road received ten bids and the high bid of \$32,167.00 was

accepted.

8. Manager reported that the final draft of the audit had been viewed and approved and the hard copy and letter of resolution would be forthcoming.
9. An assessing contract was proposed by town assessor Danielle Smith and the board elected to modify it further to include a deadline and a payment schedule. The proposed tasks were readily acceptable at the price agreed upon.
10. The board was informed that Darling Ford had submitted the winning bid for a 2014 Ford Explorer police vehicle and the unit had been ordered, expected arrival in August.
11. The liquor license application for the Muddy Moose Inn, Inc. was approved on a Lander motion with a Dexter second. Unanimous.
12. Upon written request from the library, it was agreed to proceed on the project to finish the basement interior with \$5,000.00 dollars from the Ruth Goldstine request an addition to the Stephen King Foundation Grant.
13. Two names were put forward for the SAD# 4 School Board opening and Charlene McMullen was selected to represent the town.
14. Manager advised the board of his upcoming seminar in Colorado for The Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services, sponsored by the National League of Cities.
15. Under Assessor's Issues, the following three items were dealt with:

On a motion by Lander, seconded by Burdin, the board went into executive session as per M.R.S.A § 405(6)(F) to discuss two poverty abatement requests. Time in: 9:10 PM. Following a Burdin motion and a Lander second, the board exited the session at 9:17 PM. Burdin then moved to deny the requests on the basis of timing, the statutory time to file having substantially expired; Dexter seconded the motion and the requests were denied.

Under the Planning Question, Matt Holland requested that the board take the opportunity to combine the former Braeburn Lot and the former Edes Lot, as the town owns both and the Edes Lot is non-conforming due to its size and width. Dexter moved and Burdin seconded the motion to table the request indefinitely. Unanimous.

The Board voted to declare the certified assessment ration at 100% pursuant to a Burdin motion, seconded by Martell.

16. Under Other Business, following a lengthy discussion it was moved by Dexter to permit The Red Maple Inn to extend into the right-of-way transversing their property with a proposed deck and parking lot, as long as pass through access for the owner of the Braeburn and Edes lots would be maintained. Burdin seconded the motion. Upon a suggestion from Martell, Dexter then amended his motion to add that the Right-of-way should be located no nearer than ten feet from the East line of the property. This was amended by Burdin as well and both the motion and the amendment were so voted. Holland requested that a written agreement be drafted between the In owners and the Town and the manager agreed to draft one.

17. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.