

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 3, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Peter Martell and Kent Burdin.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Thank you notes from Pine Tree Hospice, Community Health and Counseling Center were read, as was an e-mail from Guilford Historical Society, for the recent contributions to their respective causes.
5. It was announced that the compact track loader bid was awarded to Jordan Equipment Company for the Bobcat T630. This unit was heavier and had more lift capacity than the nearest competitor and was in fact the lowest bid received.
6. Manager reported that the MTCMA Institute in Newry at Sunday River was well attended and very informative. He further related that he was recognized for meeting the professional development criteria of the MTCMA Certified Manager Program. It required 240 hours of work, participation, education and service beyond the scope of employment in a three year period and 700 hours had been completed.
7. The Assessor's Agent, Danielle Smith, intends to begin field work in the next few weeks and it was agreed that an announcement should be made in area newspapers to inform the public that visits will be made to their properties throughout the next 18 months or so. It was recorded a while ago that the town's valuations averaged fourteen percent higher than actual values and this necessary update will be completed for the 2015 tax year.
8. The town has received a dividend check from their insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool, in the amount of \$776.00 for favorable loss experience and loss prevention programs.
9. Mr. Joe Gallant's Summer Recreation report was read to the board in which Mr. Gallant provided details of the summer activities and attendance. It was agreed to retain him for next summer.
10. The annual Leaf Peeper Tour, a recreational offering for senior citizens has been scheduled for October 10th. The destination has not been finalized but will be in the next few days and buses are being reserved for that date.

11. The Guilford Historical Society is planning their Fall Harvest Festival and has requested permission to use town property once again for this event. They asked to use the Braeburn and Edes lots on North Main and Water Streets and have collaborated with the Red Maple Inn for musical entertainment. The date is September 21st. Lander moved to approve the request, Martell seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

12. Lander moved, Burdin seconded, to go into executive session for a personnel matter as per 1 MRSA §405 (6) (A). Unanimous vote; time in: 7:28. Time out: 7:31. Following a motion from Burdin and a Martell second, it was agreed to increase Diane's hourly rate by fifty cents per hour effective September 23rd as the six months probationary period has been satisfactorily completed.

13. Under assessor's issues eight abatements were granted for technical errors, one was denied, and seven supplements were approved.

14. Under Other Business, following a brief discussion, it was moved by Lander and seconded by Martell to change the October selectmen's meeting to October 8th in order that all could be present. Martell also brought up that he had met with BNF, the successful bidder on the Library Project and had agreed to begin the renovations.

15. Following a motion from Burdin with a Martell second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.