

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 8, 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 and guests, Tim Knowlton and Steve Lawson.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Letter of Intent to Retire received from Linda Packard, the librarian at Guilford Memorial Library. She intends to get done the last week of April, 2014 and is providing notice. There were many remarks made and compliments voiced for her many contributions and significant expansion programs.
5. The new sidewalk machine, a Bobcat T630 will be arriving Thursday along with some of the attachments. The extra hydraulics will still need to be added and we should have it ready to roll within two weeks.
6. The police cruiser, a 2014 Ford Explorer set up for police work will be arriving before the end of the month. The console will need to be installed and the 2006 will be gone in the trade process.
7. It was noted that the sealing of the basement at the library was completed satisfactorily and work on the interior renovations will begin soon.
8. Manager and Jeff Libby from public works department attended a workshop sponsored by Maine Local Roads Center, an offshoot of Maine D.O.T. The uniform signage and striping codes were discussed and attendance was required in order to participate in the "road sign grant". Guilford will be receiving over \$1000.00 worth of signs and parts for a ten percent match. This will allow us to replace worn out and faded signs as well as to install some new ones as needed.
9. Manager announced the traditional winter time parking ban and the cemetery clean-up notice. These will be published in area papers. The parking ban extends from November 1st, 2013 until May 1st of 2014 prohibiting parking on any town road between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. The Cemetery notice requires that all decorations be removed from town cemeteries on or before October 20th. After that date, flowers and decorations will be removed. It was noted that holiday wreaths will be permitted.
10. As advertised, bids to plow town roads were opened and read. There were five bidders

and some included sanding services to varying degrees. Lander moved and Dexter seconded his motion to have the manager check references and contact one of the bidders.

11. An advertised Public Hearing to discuss, receive comment on and ultimately adopt the new DHHS General Assistance Model Ordinance was held. There were no commenters and the new ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote following a motion from Burdin, seconded by Martell.

12. The Municipal Valuation Report prepared by assessor Danielle Smith was presented for signatures.

13. The Proposed State Valuation for all County towns was presented; Guilford's valuation decreased marginally (less than four tenths of a percent) while the county total was down by 2.3 percent. Eleven towns decreased and eight saw an increase in valuation. Any town not decreasing by the 2.3 percent average, including Guilford, will see an increase in next year's County tax demand.

14. Manager announced that this would be the fourth year of Save Lids to Save Lives, a promotion sponsored by Yoplait Yogurt to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Lids may be brought into the town office where they will be sorted and sent in to the company to earn dollars for the fight.

15. Lander moved, Burdin seconded, to go into executive session for a personnel matter as per 1 MRSA §405 (6) (A). Unanimous vote; time in: 7:32. Time out: 7:42. No action taken.

16. Under assessor's issues, an abatement was granted that had been approved in the last year but did not carry through to the 2013 commitment.

17. There being no Other Business....

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