

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 5, 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 guest, Allen Johnson.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Note from WomanCare read thanking town for use of its facilities.
5. The new sidewalk machine, a Bobcat T630 and several attachments has arrived.
6. The police cruiser, a 2014 Ford Explorer set up for police work has also been delivered. The console will need to be installed, decals applied, and it should be in service this weekend.
7. The new signs and posts, funded through a federal grant and Maine Local Roads Center, have been picked up and the crew is in process of installing them.
8. Manager announced that this was the 6th anniversary of the Partnership food Pantry as well as the 22nd year for the Methodist Church food cupboard. Al Hunt recently reported that they served 100 families with 4000 pounds of food in one week.
9. The board paused to remember former town manager Bob Littlefield. It was voted to send \$100.00 from the social services fund to the Sandra J. Littlefield Scholarship program, and the board and manager agreed to purchase flowers from the Board with private funds.
10. Manager gave an update on the Andrews Road Bridge. It is considered "scour critical" because the surface of the footing on one side is exposed. Signage will be installed that will allow the safety of the bridge to be monitored during any flooding.
11. Rita Ilseman, speaking for the family of former selectman Sam Herrick, requested that the town accept flagpoles to honor her father and mother, to be placed in the Elmwood Cemetery. Dexter moved to accept her offer subject to the guidelines in the town policy; Burdin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. An advertised Public Hearing to discuss, receive comment on and ultimately adopt the new DHHS General Assistance proposed maximums on the food component was held. There were no commenters and the revised Appendix B was adopted by unanimous vote following a motion from Dexter, seconded by Burdin.

13. The required hearing to implement the recently approved parking ordinance changes was held without comment. The additional restriction excluding all parking on the west side of South Main Street is now in effect.

14. A junkyard permit application for Lyle Cookson's automobile junkyard was read and approved following Lander motion and Dexter second.

15. The local ATV Club, the Piscataquis Predators had requested that the hours of operation on the approved access routes along a portion of High Street and North Main Street be extended until eight o'clock in the evening. Burdin moved to amend the current agreement accordingly and Martell seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

16. The board was advised of an upcoming public hearing to be held on November 20th at 7:00 PM, at the municipal building regarding the use of consumer fireworks. The Planning Board is seeking public comment on the ordinance they are preparing for the annual town meeting to address the many complaints and concerns.

17. The Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce is once again spearheading Hometown Holidays, a day when many area towns begin their Christmas festivities. On December 7th, participating towns will be holding a variety of events such as tree lightings, Santa visits, parades, and more.

18. The board authorized the manager to move forward with developing a Facebook page in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to improve notice and promote events in Guilford.

19. Lander moved, Burdin seconded, to go into executive session for an Economic Development concern as per 1 MRSA §405 (6) (C). Unanimous vote; time in: 7:03. Time out: 7:21. No action taken.

20. Under assessor's issues, seven abatements were granted and one supplement approved, all but one to make recording adjustments. One abatement was granted to lower a given assessment. The board was also advised that the town now owned three tax acquired properties, two of which are small vacant lots with unknown ownership, and one abandoned dwelling. Burdin moved that the manager move forward with the sales process. Lander seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

21. Under Other Business, the snowplow contract with Lawson Landscaping was signed as per the agreed bid.

22. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.