

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 7, 2014

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. Read letter from USA Energy Group, LLC regarding the future of solid waste disposal in Maine expressing their support of LD 1483 and advising of an upcoming hearing in mid to late January.
5. A rebuttal of sorts from the Municipal Review Committee was read along with current status and objectives. USA was criticized for suggesting that everyone's input would be considered at a hearing; but the hearing is to be held after the last chance to be heard at the legislature! Burdin moved and Martell seconded that the town sign a resolution in support of MRC. Unanimous. Manager directed to sign resolution and send to MRC.
6. A letter from the Guilford Sangerville Sanitary District was read asking if the town would consider paying amounts owed them by owners of property lost to the town from tax foreclosures. Martell moved to do so if and when the District consolidated with the water district. Lander seconded the motion; unanimous.
7. The final Piscataquis County Budget was presented as adopted by the County Commissioners. It was noted that it restored the PCEDC funding to the requested amount. Overall, the increase was 1.13 percent.
8. David Cotta, a deputy for the County Sheriff's Office and the coordinator of Guilford's police patrol has retired after 18 years of service. A certificate was signed by the board to recognize his service and a memorandum will be given in appreciation, to be taken from the police account.
9. A renewal of the town's septage disposal contract with Patterson Brothers was presented as per Title 38 § 1305 (6). Following a motion from Burdin and a Dexter second, the motion carried.
10. Fire Contracts wherein Guilford Fire Department will provide fire and EMS services to Parkman and Abbot were presented at the same rates as the past several years. Lander moved to renew them as written, Burdin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

11. The slate of newly elected officers of the Fire Department was presented for board review and was approved by unanimous vote, there being no changes.
12. Manager noted that Jim Silverman of Dexter had recently passed away. Jim was the manager of MMSWA in Dexter/ Corinna and the person who initially invited Guilford to participate, taking all of our solid municipal waste to their facility. Manager directed to write a letter of condolence to the family.
13. The Board of Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library tendered the name of Ann Dall for appointment to the board. Dexter moved to appoint her, Burdin seconded the motion and Ann was duly appointed by unanimous vote.
14. Manager gave the board second notice for warrant articles. These must be turned in on or before February 4th to meet the requirements of posting as well as publication in the annual town report.
15. The board was reminded of the budget committee meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM February 10th at the high school.
16. On a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the board went into executive session as per 1 M.R.S.A. § 404 (6) (A) & (D) to discuss personnel issues. Time in: 7:38 pm. Burdin moved to exit, Lander seconded, and the session ended; Time out: 8:21 pm. Martell then moved to increase wages by 2.5% for all full time personnel and constables and 3% for the manager and recent hire; Dexter seconded the motion. The chair noted that the manager had not taken his last raise and the motion carried by unanimous vote.
17. Under assessor's issues, two abatements were granted, one was tabled for more information, and two supplements were assessed.
18. Under Other Business, the board was informed that the ton truck was disabled and in the shop for service.
19. Following a motion from Burdin with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.