

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 4, 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; also guests, Dick Panciera and Matt Holland.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets included as part of budget presentation.
4. Thank You note from the family of Robert O' Littlefield read.
5. An invitation to rejoin the Maine Service Centers Coalition was read and the board elected to pass over the request. No action taken.
6. The warrant from the County was read and signed; Guilford's share of the county budget will be \$172,320.00, an increase of 2.71 percent.
7. Bids were opened on two of the three tax acquired properties; Parcel #1 at Grove Street received a bid of \$2,601.00 which was accepted; parcel #2 received two bids and the high bid of \$1,245.70 was accepted. Parcel #3 received no bids and it was decided to wait until spring; measure the lot for building acceptance, and place on the market for sale.
8. PVRDD, the entity that began the process of coordinating what became PERC and the municipal solid waste to energy company for over 180 towns, sent out a two question ballot: first, asking if the towns that had participated in the early investment wanted the recovered funds returned on a percentage basis, and secondly, if the towns would then be in favor of dissolving the District. Burdin moved in the affirmative on both questions, Lander seconded his motion, and it carried by unanimous vote.
9. Manager read a report on the Micro Loan program, now to be called a tax deferment program. Martell commented that he is in favor of supporting small business, but is not sure this would be the way to do so. Thompson warned of competing with banking institutions that also are taxpayers in town. Manager remarked that an applicant would need to be current on his taxes to borrow an amount no greater than his tax commitment, so by not paying the taxes, an applicant already have that sum. Lander said he would like to see the plan worked elsewhere rather than be the first to try it. The question to proceed will be on the warrant at the annual town meeting.
10. The planning board presented two articles regarding the use of consumer fireworks to be presented at town meeting for an up or down vote. The first bans all use of fireworks except for

July 4th and New Years' Eve. The second option would restrict their use to Friday and Saturday evenings, before 9:00 pm, except for the two mentioned holidays when the time would be extended until 12:30 am the next morning.

11. Manager noted that a hearing had been duly held and an amendment to the land use ordinance would be brought to a vote at the annual meeting. The question is to allow the selectmen to set a fee structure for land use permits. Currently, they are free of charge.

12. The board was informed that the ton truck was out of service with a broken frame and that the crew would be one man short for five months.

13. On a motion from Martell, seconded by Burdin, firefighter Peter Cipullo was granted a permit to have a red light in his vehicle for responding to fire calls.

14. The Guilford Memorial Library selection committee has begun interviews and will make a recommendation for the position of Library Director next week.

15. Manager gave the board final notice for warrant articles. None brought forward.

16. The 2014 delinquent tax rate to be recommended at town meeting will be 7 percent and 3 percent returned on abatements that had been previously paid.

17. One last reminder was given that the budget committee would meet Monday, February 10th at PCSS (the high school), at 7:00 pm.

18. Manager's draft budget for 2014-2015 was reviewed by the board.

19. Under assessor's issues, two abatements were granted; one for a qualifying non-profit exemption, the other for an adjustment in square footage.

20. There were no topics under Other Business.

21. Following a motion from Burdin with a Dexter second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.