

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 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, Amanda Thomas and Stephanie Doore from HAD#4; Fire Chief, Jeff Libby; Dodie Curtis and Janie Lander from Guilford Memorial Library, and Martha Ward.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.

3. Balance sheets distributed.

Guest invited to speak. Amanda Thomas introduced fellow HAD#4 board member, Stephanie Doore and then spoke on recent developments at Mayo Regional Hospital. They have a new CEO with many years experience and ties to Maine, generating very positive feedback. The committee has met with major local industries to increase service opportunities and collaboration. Two new providers have been contracted to serve at the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center. Two new lines have been established at the hospital; cardiology and urology. They are trying to increase usage of the facility and achieve budgeted revenues. The board is also considering dissolution which would require a unanimous approval from all thirteen member communities and the Legislature. This would help restructure their debt and open doors to affiliations with a larger entity. She emphasized that this is in the earliest stages of conversation. Stephanie added that they are looking at the families of doctors as well as the practitioner in their recruitment efforts in hopes of improving length of stay.

Jeff Libby presented impressive, detailed graphs on the number and types of storms this winter and the amount of materials used in treating the roads. He explained that some incidents require less material but an equal amount of equipment use and wear and addressed some related expense examples.

4. Sangerville Historical Society letter read, soliciting advertisements for their upcoming 200th anniversary celebration booklet. Lander moved to contribute \$25.00, Dexter seconded his motion and it was approved.

5. A letter from Moosehead Enterprises was read, advising the board of a \$1.95 per month increase in basic cable rates beginning in April.

6. USA Energy, LLC wrote to say they did not have the informational meeting regarding PERC, and would advise when it is rescheduled. This is the group that has a majority interest in our trash-to-energy facility.

7. Reminder: Annual Town Meeting; March 17th @ 7:00 PM, DST, at PCES Cafetorium.

8. Manager revisited the warrant options regarding fireworks regulations and stated that LD-168 may change the basic rules soon, but not before town meeting.
9. The Preliminary State Valuations were received and Guilford experienced a very minute drop of \$50,000.00 in valuation.
10. Assessing books and routes were distributed to the board.
11. The C.H. Lightbody Medical Center roof is leaking again and water from ice dams came in through light fixtures and ruined many ceiling tiles. There is significant heat loss and a need for better attic ventilation. A building committee meeting will be called in April to address this.
12. A quotation for a new heating system for the municipal building was received from McKusick Petroleum. The current boiler shuts down quite frequently and repairs do not last long. More study is needed and Dexter and Martell, along with the manager will research options for a future meeting.
13. A request from Jeff's Catering to cater an event at a private residence, including bar service was submitted in accordance with Sate Liquor Commission rules. Dexter moved to approve, seconded by Martell; unanimous.
14. Two Liquor license renewal applications were read; G&D Golf at Piscataquis Country Club, and Red Maple Inn. On a motion from Lander, seconded by Martell, it was unanimously voted to approve both.
15. The Board of trustees of Guilford Memorial Library have interviewed candidates to replace retiring director, Linda Packard, and made a recommendation to the board. The board went into executive session as per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) on a motion from Lander, with a second from Martell. Time in: 8:08. Lander moved and Burdin seconded leaving the session; Time out: 8:21. It was the moved by Martell and seconded by Dexter to have the manager negotiate a contract with the board of trustees recommended applicant for the position. The board further expressed agreement with hiring two part time assistants and directed manager to set up a process with the new director and the board of trustees.
16. The 2014 warrant was presented for review and signed by the selectmen.
17. Under Assessor's Issues, the Declared Parcel Ratio was certified at 100 percent, following a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander.
18. There were no topics under Other Business.
19. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.