

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 6, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Rick Lander, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell and guests, Matt Holland and Lou Sidell from the Planning board, and Larry Daggett from Piscataquis Predators ATV Club. Mike Dexter came in later.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Matt Holland, Planning Board Chair, gave a brief update on the progress comprehensive plan, explaining that they have completed two of the fourteen sections with a lot of work done on two additional segments. It was agreed to call a joint meeting of all town boards in the near future to add some direction to the task.
5. A letter from MRC (Municipal Review Committee) was read to the board detailing the decision to litigate against their general partner for breach of agreement that could cost member communities a significant sum. It was also noted that the MRC has written its letter of intent toward finding another solution for solid waste in the event the current PERC operation does not extend beyond 2018.
6. A letter from the Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library was read, inviting the board to the Open House on June 30th. This event will showcase the new work done to make the basement into usable space.
7. The board was informed that the flag poles have arrived for both Elmwood and the Lawn Section of Elmwood Cemeteries with the cost underwritten by the S.W. and Beverly Herrick family. It is hoped to have them installed prior to Memorial Day.
8. Municipal building updates are ongoing. The electric water heaters are installed and the main one will go on line following a few days of 70° weather. This should save many gallons of fuel. A second estimate was received on the replacement of the existing boiler and it was decided to further investigate the cost of major repairs and then, depending on that answer, to send specifics out to bid if necessary.
9. An invitation to apply for a Marshall L. and Ruth-Anne H. Gibson Grant was received. This foundation annually selects twelve communities to apply for \$10,000.00 grants that prioritize assisting children, elderly, or community centers. Manager will work with this foundation to take full advantage of this generous offer.

10. Plans for the Guilford Maine Community Pride Clean-up Day were discussed. This event, initiated by Julie Porter-Chase, is designed to enlist a volunteer force to pick up roadside litter that has accumulated over the year in a one-day event culminating in clean streets, enhanced community pride and a free barbecue lunch, sponsored by the Red Maple Inn. The IGA is providing gloves and bottled water, New Balance is supplying trash bags, and the Eastern Gazette has supplied free advertising and made a monetary donation.

11. Larry Daggett, trail master for Piscataquis Predators ATV Club addressed the board regarding a Division of Parks and Public Lands ATV Trail Fund Grant-in-Aid Program. This grant would provide a 75% match toward new trail construction. The intent is to develop a trail that will pass through Guilford, providing a link to the system going north toward Greenville; a connection that has been missing for years. Lander moved to approve the request that the town act as fiscal sponsor, Dexter seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

12. An application for a junkyard permit renewal for R & K Used Auto Parts was received. It was decided to have Keith Doore check the site for compliance, and to approve the permit as long as all was in order.

13. A brief update was given on the progress of the coming Family Dollar Store. The three buildings formerly at 17, 18 and 19 Elm Street have been demolished and ground work is ongoing. The developer plans to open the store in September.

14. It was announced that the 10th annual River festival would be held on July 26th. Fireworks would again be a part of the celebration and donations are being requested and accepted for financial help. This year's theme will be "Duck Dynasty".

15. Under Other Business, Martell requested that the board members convene to assist in scheduling business personal property lists for our tax program to keep up with the required changes in the Business Equipment Tax Exemption law.

16. Following a motion from Burdin with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.