

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 1, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and guests, Tom and Frank Ruksznis, and Paul Zimmerman.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. A letter from the Municipal Review Committee was read detailing and a July 2nd public hearing scheduled by Maine DEP in Old Town on the Public Benefit Determination of the proposed solid waste facility.
5. The Open House held at Guilford Memorial Library on June 30th, was discussed. The new meeting room was showcased and Linda Packard, retiring librarian, was recognized. She was surprised and pleased. She was presented with flowers, a lifetime library card, and over \$1000.00 worth of books have been purchased in her name from donations.
6. Manager advised once again the annual Piscataquis River Festival is scheduled for July 26th. The theme is "Duck Dynasty" and there will be a parade, many food and craft vendors, T-shirts for sale, the perennial Duck Race, lots of live music, this year featuring "Shine" and "The Three Horsemen" for band, a bounce house, a water slide, the fireman's fountain, and the return of the very popular pig scramble.
7. At the request of the Planning Board, the Selectmen addressed the issue of Building Permit Fees. The authority to set these fees was granted by voters at the annual town meeting in March. Burdin moved to table the issue, Lander seconded that motion and the question of fees was tabled.
8. An update on the public hearing regarding Guilford memorial Bridge was presented. It was stated that the Maine D.O.T. appeared open to suggestions and was willing to work with the town. Two options were presented; one in which the bridge would be closed completely for 3-4 months, the other involved keeping alternate lanes open with a probable construction period of 6-8 months. It did appear that the second option would be implemented. Residents discovered that the work was planned for the summer of 2016, but when the D.O.T. found out that it would conflict with the town's 200th anniversary, they agreed to investigate the possibility of moving it up to 2015. Also they promised to look into restoring active streetlights on the bridge as part of the update.
9. The Ruksznis brothers requested that the board reconsider the amount of purchase price to

be returned after the partial sale. It was agreed to return all but \$9600.00 and they would retain the west side home lot.

10. An off-premises permit was filed by the Red Maple Inn for the beer tent at the River Festival, as in past years. After a motion from Martell and a second from Lander, it was agreed to approve the permit. An amended diagram of the service area at 5 North Main Street was also presented to include the rear deck and outside fenced area. Following a motion from Burdin with a Martell second, it was voted to approve the amendment

11. A public hearing to adopt the new Appendix A of the General Assistance Ordinance was held. This sets new overall maximum amounts of assistance and is an annual process. There being no one to comment, the board unanimously adopted the proposed DHHS revision to be effective July 1st, 2014, following a Lander motion and a Burdin second.

12. The resignations as SAD#4 Board Members of both Jennifer Draper and Charlene McMullen were read. Both ladies are moving out of Guilford and residency is a requirement. The board voted to accept both.

13. The 2014 mil rate was set at .01445 or \$14.45 per thousand of valuation, an increase of eighty cents over the 2013 rate. This is a result of a budget increase of 3.19 percent and expectations of reduced revenue sharing. The bills should be mailed later this week and will be due upon presentation with interest of 7 percent to accrue after August 31st.

14. Under Other Business, no issues were brought before the board.

15. Following a motion from Burdin with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.