

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 7, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:01 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. An invitation from the Guilford Memorial Library Trustees to the Board to attend a potluck supper and planning meeting on October 20th was read.
5. Letter from MRC explaining their ongoing plans following the DEP denial of their landfill permit. In it, they reiterate that PERC will not be feasible beyond 2018, and state they are seeking alternative solutions for solid waste disposal.
6. A notice from local cable television provider, Moosehead Enterprises was read, advising of a \$.75 per month increase beginning October 1st.
7. Manager informed the board that one contractor was preparing a bid and others may follow for replacing the roof at the C. H. Lightbody Medical Center.
8. The paving bid for portions of Wharff Road and Butter Street was awarded to B&B Paving from Hermon. They were low bid of three replies.
9. Road opening policy authorized in 2010 was updated and approved. Moved for adoption by Dexter, seconded by Martell; unanimous vote.
10. Manager stated that he and Chairman Thompson attended the MMA Convention in Augusta last week. Thompson gave a brief report on the quality of the speakers and the content of the programming, encouraging other board members to attend in the future.
11. At an on-site meeting on September 9th to discuss the Memorial Bridge deck replacement, it was discovered that the sidewalk surface would be asphalt and that a curbing would be extended from Griffin's store into the parking area, reducing that opening to forty-two feet as per D.O.T. specifications.
12. A Public Hearing was held to accept the B and C appendices to the General Assistance Ordinance. "B" has to do with the maximum food allowance, and "C" pertains to the allowed housing threshold. Following a motion by Lander, seconded by Dexter, the updates were unanimously approved and adopted.

13. The State Proposed Valuation report placed Guilford's value at the same number as the preliminary report; \$125,650,000.00 a decrease of a little less than one percent, which tracks with the overall County valuation.
14. Manager noted that the Winter Parking Ban was being published in local papers and that the Cemetery Clean-up Notice was also published and posted. They state the same as in prior years, namely No Parking on any town road between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM from November 1st 2014 through May 1st of 2015, and that all decorations must be removed from the cemeteries by October 20th, 2014.
15. A price had been submitted by Haley Construction for sidewalk replacement in front of the Maine Highlands Credit Union. As it was well within the budget, the order has been placed.
16. The Boston Post Cane was presented to June Edgerly Mitchell of South Main Street on September 8th for being the oldest living Guilford resident.
17. The Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library have requested that remaining funds from the Ruth Goldstine bequest be placed with Maine Community Foundation. It was noted that Lillian Vachon, a friend of Ruth's has also left a sum to be determined to our library. These two ladies summered at Piper Pond and were frequent visitors to our facility.
18. There were 44 "30 Day Notices" notices mailed out on October 1st, informing delinquent taxpayers that they may lose their respective properties if the 2012 taxes are not cleaned up in full prior to November 1st. Many payments have already been received. It is hoped that all will manage to pay rather than have the liens mature and forfeit their real estate to the town.
19. Under Other Business, Peter Martell noted that Richard M. "Willie" Williams II has resigned from the Guilford Fire Department. Willie was a brave, dedicated, loyal fireman who virtually grew up in the station and has given countless hours of his time and talent to the town. He will be missed.
20. Following a motion from Lander with a Dexter second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.