

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 2, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell and guest, Richard Panciera.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read notice from Municipal Review Committee detailing annual meeting to be held December 16th regarding updates on the future of municipal solid waste disposal.
5. Read a letter from J D Foundation, a non-profit organization dealing with suicide prevention and a list of their activities.
6. Read a letter from G.E.M.S. soliciting grant writing work for municipalities.
7. Discussed the Hometown Holiday activities planned for December 6th. Many towns in Piscataquis will observe the day and Guilford's activities will include cocoa and treats at the Guilford Historical Society, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the Christmas Tree lighting followed by a bonfire and caroling by Julie Harrington's P.C.S.S. Chorus.
8. Updated information on the bridge deck replacement: The D.O.T. will include lighting in its design, consisting of four posts and globes to match the downtown period lighting seen on Elm Street. The town's share could be as much as \$15,000.00. It may take additional outside fund raising to accomplish this, but it is the only chance we will have to get lights on the bridge.
9. The board was presented with a draft copy of a proposed land use ordinance amendment which would allow the raising of chickens within the downtown area and with certain stipulations. Manager agreed to work with the presenter and this choice will be on the March warrant.
10. The town now owns three tax acquired properties. One homeowner has requested a chance at redemption and was granted ninety days to clear the outstanding debt before the property goes to bid. Another, a non-buildable lot will be offered to the abutting landowner for purchase. The third received the standard thirty-day protest notice and did not respond; it will be going out to bid in early spring.
11. Manger noted he will be attending the upcoming Joint Meeting of Maine and New Hampshire town, city and county managers later this week.

12. The annual budget committee meeting date was set for February 9th, 2015, at P.C.S.S at 7:00 PM.

13. First notice given for warrant articles. This is the opportunity for board members to submit articles on behalf of their constituents to be considered at the annual March meeting.

14. Lander moved and Dexter seconded the motion to go into executive session for an personnel matter as per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Time in 7:40. Time out 7:53. No action taken.

15. Under Other Business, it was noted that the turbines had been installed at the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center. It is hoped this will alleviate the problem of ice damming and subsequent roof leaking.

16. Following a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.