

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 3, 2015

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 guests Fire Chief Jeff Libby, Gayle Watson, and W. Louis Sidell.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Distributed letter from auditor that explained the steps to be taken in their audit process.
5. Read letter from MRC correcting earlier description of proposed legislation. An article in The Maine Townsman had stated that landfill usage would increase if the MRC backed legislation passed, whereas in actuality, it would drop from 110,000 tons annually to between 30 and 40,000 tons. A correction will be forthcoming.
6. Read letter from Community Fitness expressing their interest in any future space availability at the former Guilford Primary building.
7. Gayle Watson from Community Fitness Center explained the gym floor replacement plans and inquired as to any available support from the town or the building reserve account. The proposed composite covering will have several advantages over the current carpeted surface, increased hygiene being chief among them.
8. Chief Jeff Libby gave an update of Fire Department issues. Fire calls have been low this year yet expenses are increased on the equipment side due to preventative maintenance, inspections, pump tests and repairs. A new roster design will aid in compliance with labor requirements.
9. The bid opening was held with only one bid presented on Parcel #1 from Christine Sargent. The board agreed to award that parcel to the Sargent and to request that the fire department burn the building at the remaining parcel on North Main Street before placing that lot on the market.
10. Reminder: Annual Town Meeting: March 16th, at 7:00 PM, PCES Cafetorium.
11. Manager stated that two meetings had been held establishing committees for the 2016 Bicentennial year and that work was progressing. There is plenty of room as well as the need for more people. Many good ideas have been proposed and plans are shaping up nicely.

12. Sidewalk maintenance was discussed following a complaint from an Oak Street resident about the way not being kept cleared of snow. It was explained that many factors were involved; a new, wider machine; the placement of utility poles that restricted the width of the way, heaviest snowfall on record, and others. Complainant maintained that it was one of the busiest sidewalks in town and they were used to having that service and did not want to lose it. It was again agreed to revisit the issue over the summer to see what improvements or changes might be accomplished to allow the new machine to do the entire street rather than only a few spots.

13. A liquor license was renewed for G&D Golf N Grill, located at the Piscataquis Country Club, following a motion by Lander and a Dexter second.

14. A draft audit was distributed to the board with no findings of error; the final will be forthcoming following the managers' analysis.

15. The warrant for the Town Meeting was presented for review.

16. Under Assessor's Issues, it was noted that our agent had met with True Textiles regarding valuation methods and that industry meetings would be scheduled on separate days this spring.

17. There were no items brought up under "Other Business".

18. Following a motion from Burdin with a second from Martell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.