

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 7, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:07 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guest, Paul Zimmerman.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed in new format.
4. Letter from Superintendent Kirkpatrick inviting board to preliminary school budget meeting. Unable to attend as it was held on today's date.
5. Distributed newsletter from MRC updating current status of the 2018 changeover plans and providing detailed reasons why PERC cannot continue.
6. Read letter from Maine D.O.T. explaining Notice of Layout and Taking. These letters were sent to all abutters where the state will need a construction easement for work on the bridge deck replacement. According to their calculations, use of our town owned land has a value of \$250.00 which they have forwarded.
7. John Gillespie has offered to purchase the tax acquired property at 24 North Main Street for which we had received no bids at \$2000.00 with intentions of removing the building and cleaning the lot before September, to annex to his existing house lot. Lander moved to accept the offer, Dexter seconded and the vote was unanimous.
8. Community Fitness is making progress on securing funds for the new floor in the gym at Guilford Primary building. 170 squares are being offered at \$100.00 per square. Lander moved to pass over the question until August meeting, Dexter seconded that motion which carried by unanimous vote.
9. The current contractor that mows the town properties has offered to mow the town parks as well at an additional cost of \$10,200. There was some discussion as to how much of our public works we might outsource now and in the future. Plowing and cemetery mowing presently are, and sanding is partially. The town can hire more manpower, purchase more equipment, or transfer some of its risk and costs through outsourcing. Burdin moved to amend the contract to include the additional areas, Dexter seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously approved with the manager to work out the final details.
10. A permit to allow over weight construction vehicles to operate on town roads during and in relation to the bridge project was forwarded from the D.O.T. It was moved by Burdin and seconded by Lander to accept the request.

11. Renewal of the annual liquor license for the Red Maple Inn was moved by Lander and seconded by Martell; unanimous.
12. A junkyard permit for Cookson at was also approved on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter, subject to inspection by code enforcement officer. Unanimous vote.
13. Manager advised that the Guilford Pride Community Clean-Up Day was scheduled for May 9th. This is the second year of a volunteer project initiated by Julie Porter-Chase to clean the litter from our roadsides. Trash bags, latex gloves, and water will be provided and The Red Maple will host a free BBQ lunch for all volunteers immediately following.
14. The River Festival date has been set for July 25th and the chosen theme for this year is "The Wizard of Oz". Participants are encouraged to incorporate that theme into their floats.
15. Manager announced he will be attending the National League of Cities Risk Information Sharing Conference in Savannah, Georgia in early May.
16. A request was made by an individual who fell on a town sidewalk and had her clothes ruined in the process to replace her loss was discussed. The vote was to deny the request rather than establish a precedent that may override current municipal immunity.
17. The board was advised that our faithful 1990 International dump truck had finally expired and a replacement was being shopped.
18. Under Assessor's Issues, Martell requested that the meetings with industries be coordinated with our assessor's agent, Danielle, as soon as possible.
19. There were no items brought up under "Other Business".
20. Following a motion from Burdin with a second from Martell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.