

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 7, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell and Rick Lander; Lou Sidell and Matt Holland from the planning board; Amanda Thomas from the HAD#4 Board; and Paul Zimmerman.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Manager read a letter from PERC which detailed the findings of an engineering report and outlined future potential contracts with tipping fees anticipated in the \$85.00 to \$89.00 range.
5. Read letter MRC which faulted and rebutted the above mentioned report and stated that their own target for tipping fees would be in the \$78.00 range with rebates potentially lowering them to \$57.00 per ton.
6. Amanda Thomas gave an update on HAD#4, their strategic planning efforts, focus group session benefits, financial overview and affiliation considerations.
7. A draft of Section #1 of the in-process comprehensive plan was presented to the board for review requesting their input. A few corrections were suggested and recognition of the effort expended was voiced.
8. It was reported that the construction on the bridge was delayed until July 15th, at which time the traffic lights would be employed and one-way traffic would be the norm for the next five months.
9. Three members of Guilford Fire First Responders attended a ten minute hearing in Augusta regarding their late license renewal, only to have the case dismissed as there was no appearance of intentional malice and all had been corrected to the satisfaction of Maine EMS.
10. The search for a quality used dump truck continues as new developments may alter our desires.
11. Manager related that the sidewalks in front of the Family Dollar Store had been completed and the project manager intended to return to correct a small irregularity. It is good to see folks walking in safety along Elm Street once again.
12. Manager had arranged for Thomas Douglass to do a preliminary timber cruise to determine in the town owned Government Farm land was ready for harvesting at this time.

Report should be forthcoming.

13. Dirigo Engineering agreed to update their proposal on a contract for the design to rehabilitate School Street. Other firms will be invited to bid as well with presentations due in by the August 4th meeting.

14. As the School District Budget was voted down in the June 9th referendum, the process must begin anew. A school budget committee meeting was scheduled for tonight's date, the full board will meet to consider it on 14th of July, there will be another district wide budget meeting on July 21st and we will return to the polls on July 29th if the district meeting produces an affirmative vote.

15. It was once again noted that the Piscataquis River Festival would be held July 25th. Chairman Thompson suggested that each board member find a few hours of their time to donate to the event.

16. The board was informed that Lawson Landscaping had withdrawn from a winter plowing contract renewal and that bids were again being solicited by August 4th.

17. It was announced that the final mil rate was set at .01460, an increase of .015 or 15¢ per thousand of value, and manager explained the statute (Title 20-A, chapter 103-A, subchapter 4, §1487,) that outlined the protocol involved when a school budget had been passed but not validated. The tax bills were mailed July 2nd; on schedule!

18. Under Assessor's Issues, eleven abatements and three supplements were processed.

19. "Other Business" generated a request for assistance in purchasing tables for Community fitness, and it was decided to discuss this at the August meeting when all non-profit requests were considered. Also, an update was given on the Oak Street project: the manager, Haley Construction, and True Textiles personnel met on Monday to develop a cooperative plan to repair the ongoing road hazard.

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