

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 4, 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; Fire Chief Jeff Libby, and Matt Holland and Lou Sidell of the Planning Board.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Distributed newsletter from MRC reporting on progress for future solid municipal waste handling and an e-mail announcing a ten year contract with Waste Management for residual waste.
5. The bridge deck has been mostly removed from the easterly or downstream side, adjustments have been made to the traffic light pattern to allow extended green on Elm Street during specific hours of the day, and Haley Construction will also be working within the area, replacing a water main preparatory to the rebuild of Route #150 South (South Main Street) from the intersection to the top of the hill.
6. Jeff Libby spoke on our efforts to locate a suitable dump truck to replace our depleted "fleet" and informed the board that we would be trying out a used wheeler tomorrow (Wednesday, August 5th).
7. A Forestry report from Thomas Logging and Forestry was presented to the board as requested to determine the status of the town woodlot and the appropriateness of a harvest at this time. Burdin agreed to study the issue further and analyze the report; no action was taken.
8. Bids were opened regarding the proposed School Street project. Two bids were received and references will be checked prior to a decision to award.
9. Bids were opened in response to a solicitation for winter plowing. Two bids were received and the board authorized the manager to develop a contract with the low bidder, Dean Rideout and Son of Dover-Foxcroft.
10. Manager reported that the River Festival avoided a rainout once again and gave thanks to the volunteers and firemen who gave of their time to help out and expressed gratitude to all the vendors and sponsors that make it a success.
11. As the School District Budget was again voted down in the July 29th referendum, the process must begin anew. A school budget committee meeting was scheduled for August 3rd,

and again on the 5th, the full board will meet to consider it on August 11th, there will be another district wide budget meeting at 7:00 PM on August 18th with an informational session beginning at 6:00 PM. We will return to the polls for the validation vote on August 25th if the district meeting produces an affirmative vote.

12. Donations for non-profits were allocated as follows: American Red Cross, \$1350.00; Pine Tree Hospice, \$550.00; WomanCare, \$1350.00; Community Health and Counseling, \$675.00; Eastern Area Agency on Aging, \$1350.00; Guilford Historical society, \$1350.00; American Legion, \$300.00 and Community Fitness Center, \$300.00 toward the table fund.

13. Manager reported he had met with a group at the C.H.Lightbody Medical Center to discuss housekeeping, flooring, painting, and maintenance issues. They will provide a comprehensive wish-list of updates and a follow-up meeting will be held to determine the extent of improvements.

14. Haley Construction had been asked to develop a plan to prevent the continued deterioration of the section of Oak Street where the loaded trucks must turn sharply. It was determined that True Textiles would need to participate regarding the part of the problem that is on their property and all parties met to discuss the situation. A price in the neighborhood of \$13,000.00-14,000 was quoted for the town portion and we are awaiting the mill's decision as both parts would need to be done together.

15. As the manager will be attending the Maine Town and City Management Institute on August 11th until the 14th, Chairman Thompson was named manager in his absence.

16. Under Assessor's Issues, 14 abatements and six supplements were processed.

17. Under Other Business, Holland and Sidell were provided requested feedback on their work to date on the town's Comprehensive Plan. Dexter requested the manager check with the cable provider as to the likelihood of Nascar's new home channel being added to their offering. And manager noted the passing of long time town clerk of Kingsbury, Mrs. Lois Worcester.

18. Following a motion from Dexter with a second from Burdin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.