

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 1, 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 and guest Clayton Griffin.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and it was reported that the taxes were 89% collected to date.
4. Read highlights of a letter from PERC and Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement in which they express hopes to serve member communities into 2068 with no Guaranteed Annual Tonnage requirements
5. Distributed letter from MRC commenting on the above and recommending it be rejected. They claim that the Partnership expires on December 31, 2018 and that PERC has no authority to amend or restate the agreement. MRC also outlined several perceived flaws in the proposal such as elimination of any oversight committee such as MRC or even a board of directors; no limitations on future fees and charges; no rules for cash distributions; and a unilateral right to dissolve.
6. Thank you notes read from non-profit groups receiving town contributions; Pine Tree Hospice; Spruce Run / WomanCare; Community Health and Counseling and the Guilford Historical Society.
7. A letter from Superintendent of Schools, Ann Kirkpatrick, dated August 10th and received on August 17th was read, informing the board that they would be giving up their lease at the former Guilford Primary building a year from the date. The agreement which cross references the other tenant states that such notice must be given a year in advance and on or before the renewal DATE, WHICH IS July 1st. Manager was directed to send a return letter reminding the school of the requirements spelled out in the agreement.
8. The bridge deck has been mostly removed from the easterly or downstream side, and rebar is nearly all in place; nearly ready for the first concrete pouring. The contractor has notified the town and made the necessary notice to Maine D.O.T. that they will be closing the bridge to all traffic on September 9th at 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM the following day. Also of note, a few traffic tickets have been awarded recently to those choosing to run the red lights rather than wait their turn.
9. Our efforts to locate a suitable dump truck have yet to lead to a decision. There is virtually nothing in the "good, used vehicle" category out there in all of New England, and new units are very expensive. A truck is a necessity so a decision needs to be made soon.

10. A Forestry report was presented to the board as requested last meeting. The numbers were not high and recent changes in mill closings require us to wait for now and revisit at a later date.
11. Following reference checks on bid proposals to engineer a plan for School Street, Dexter moved to award the bid to Plymouth Engineering. Martell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to proceed to contract.
12. A permit request to place a utility pole on Sebec Shores Road was presented and approved.
13. The School District Budget was finally approved at the August 25th referendum, and a new budget was adopted by a vote of 284 to 261, a 23 vote margin. The Town of Guilford's share increased by \$52,866.36 over the school's fiscal year 2014-2015, but represents an increase of \$72,116.36 from the last municipal budget year due to the difference in our fiscal calendars.
14. Supt. Kirkpatrick notified the board that there was now a vacancy on the school board from Guilford. Lander nominated and Dexter seconded the nomination of Mike Chase who was then unanimously voted onto the board as one of Guilford's representatives.
15. Haley Construction will be rebuilding a section of Oak Street where the loaded trucks must turn sharply after loading and unloading. True Textiles will participate regarding the part of the problem that is on their property. Work will commence on September 3rd and the street will be closed from the mill driveway to the Main Street intersection for all traffic except those clients leaving Key Bank on Thursday and Friday, and will be closed completely from the Neal Funeral Home to the west end of the Street for the remainder of the weekend.
16. Internet connection at the town office has deteriorated in the last few months to a point where access is off well over half of the business day. Unfortunate though it may be, we now rely on connectivity. To that end, a new contract has been agreed to with FairPoint to build a 5mg copper connection that will not kick off or have capacity issues.
17. Under Assessor's Issues, 12 abatements and 7 supplements were processed.
18. There being no "Other Business,"
19. Following a motion from Lander with a second from Burdin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.