

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 6, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, and Rick Lander and guests Scott Wellman of Hardwood Products Co., and Rachael Davis from True Textiles Inc.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read highlights of a letter from MRC explaining proposed changes after 2018 agreements expire and their plans with Fiberight LLC. They are shooting for \$70.00 per ton tipping fee and note that municipal recycling programs may continue.
5. Read a forwarded copy of a letter from the Town of Sangerville to Senator Paul Davis asking for State legislation to require insurance and licensed operators for any ATV's on public ways. A second letter was received allowing Guilford to assist with vehicle registrations during times when Sangerville is unable to provide this service.
6. The traffic lights on the bridge continue to provide agitation to the manager's mornings; the daily routine is now fielding calls from drivers and making calls to get the lights reset.....two more months!.
7. A decision has been made to rehab our existing trucks in an attempt to delay the purchase of a newer vehicle until a suitable, reasonably priced replacement is available. Jeff believes with a small investment, we can last through the winter.
8. The engineers from Plymouth Engineering have begun their assessment of School Street and so far we have many colorful markings. They should complete this before snowfall.
9. The successful Guilford Historical Society's harvest fair involved pumpkin painting, a bake sale, chalk drawing, and Open-Mic outside the Red Maple Inn, and was capped off with a cemetery tour at Lawn Cemetery. The society expressed thanks for the use of town property as usual.
10. The Leaf-Peeper Tour for our seniors was held today. They travelled by coach bus to the Cole Land Transportation Museum in Bangor and dined at the Happy China Buffet. This year, the entire cost for residents was funded from our Recreation account.
11. Haley Construction Co. has completed our portion of the work on Oak Street and we have received thank you's from those travelers who must navigate that road.

12. Snow plowing contracts with Dean Rideout & Son for the 2015-2016 year were approved and signed as per the prior bid agreement.
13. A duly advertised General Assistance Hearing was held and the 2016 Appendices A-C were formally adopted. These raise the categorical thresholds by small amounts.
14. Manager announced that he and Board Chair Thompson would be attending the annual Maine Municipal Convention in Augusta on October 6th and 7th. Mike Dexter was appointed by the manager to act in his stead until their return.
15. Andy Van Nees of Piscataquis Public Health Council dropped off two colorful signs depicting Guilford Community Walking Routes that are to be installed in town. These sign-maps detail several options for walking within town, and give distances, number of steps, and time required to complete each of the trails.
16. The proposed town valuation was received from the state, along with the results from the sales ratio study. The 2014 values dropped slightly while the ration and quality rating improved.
17. It was noted that thirty-four properties have received notification that foreclosure will occur on November 2nd. This is better than usual at this stage (44 last year) and several will, as usual, come in within the next three weeks to save their properties.
18. The Winter Parking Ban has been published in local papers; NO PARKING on town streets between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM; violators will be towed at their expense!
19. The annual Cemetery Clean-Up notice has also been published; all decorations must be removed from the cemeteries by October 25th, including flowers, lights and vases.
20. A director's report from the Library was discussed. It was noted that work had been done on recent leaks and some changes in software are forthcoming, as well as an update of ongoing activities. The Library Trustees have requested to close on Saturday's as the traffic has slowed considerably. It was unanimously agreed by the selectmen to do so following a Lander motion and a Dexter second.
21. Internet connection continues to deteriorate at the town office and it appears no improvement will occur before late October. Meanwhile, FairPoint states they have installed new equipment to reach 1330 additional homes with most Guilford streets and roads affected. We can only hope its operational very soon!
22. Moosehead Enterprisers contract to provide cable in Guilford expired. Earl Richardson has requested a six month extension and will attend a future meeting to discuss expectations, terms and so on. Burdin moved to grant the extension, Lander seconded the motion and the extension was approved.
23. Under Assessor's Issues, 6 abatements and 3 supplements were processed, and one request was tabled pending further discussion with our assessor.

24. Executive session for Personnel Matter as per M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Time in: 8:48 Time out: 9:04. Lander moved and Dexter seconded that we extend our assessor's contract for another year.
25. There being no "Other Business,"
26. Following a motion from Lander with a second from Dexter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.