

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 8, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell and guests, Amanda Thomas from the HAD#4 Board and Lou Sidell from the planning board.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Distributed final audit for review.
5. Read highlights of a letter from PERC regarding MRC's recent draft Municipal Joinder Agreement.
6. Read a follow-up letter from MRC refuting statements made by PERC regarding the proposed plans with Fiberight LLC. They have edited the proposed contracts and have also sent a sample warrant article for the member towns' annual meetings. A vote must be taken town by town prior to May 1st.
7. A letter from Mayo Regional Hospital was read, outlining their wishes for upgrades at the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center. It was decided to turn the matter over to the Building Committee and follow up with their recommendations.
8. An update was given on Guilford Memorial Library activities; primarily their selection by the Maine Humanities Council to offer the "Let's Talk About It" program where for five months a skilled discussion leader will conduct meetings to learn and talk about five different Maine authors. Contact the Library or visit their website for more information.
9. It was reported that the annual tree lighting went well; the weather was quite mild, the tree was beautifully decorated by Mike Dexter and Brian Woodworth, the Historical Society gave out a ton of treats along with hot chocolate, Santa and Mrs. Claus made a lot of children smile and the attendance by the P.C.H.S. band and chorus was a great addition. Many thanks to them!
10. The Bicentennial committee continues to meet on the third Monday of each month and has made considerable progress. The 2016 Calendars, available at a cost of \$8.00 have art work from our schools, historic pictures, and upcoming events and facts of interest on almost every date. The 37 day raffle tickets are moving and many great prizes are waiting to be won. Elton John is coming, Elvis is coming, the River Festival is coming, the Cruise-In is coming....on and on! Check out the Guilford Maine Bicentennial Facebook page for more info.

11. It was announced that the Oak Street project had been completed by sealing the concrete as required to prevent salt erosion.
12. The Bridge is open and the new streetlights should be activated very soon. Ahead of schedule, it is a fine job, and everyone is grateful to have the traffic lights removed.
13. The addition to the library basement has developed a leak. Crack Tech has attempted to repair the problem, but it appears outside drainage work may be necessary. We will revisit this in the spring exploring all options.
14. Two of the three owners of foreclosed properties would like to redeem their former holdings. One has agreed to walk away and it will be bid and sold according to past practices.
15. Lou Sidell spoke on the Comprehensive Planning committee's request for digitized tax maps and the advantages of having them done. He had received a preliminary quotation for \$5,500.00 to complete phase one. The board agreed to look into the value of this project and to visit towns where these maps are now being used. The findings will be discussed at the January meeting.
16. It was brought up that the fire department's Jaws of Life needs a new cutting head to work with the metals in today's vehicles. As it is within their budget, the issue was sent back to the fire department for their own vote as acceptable to the select board.
17. The annual budget committee meeting date was set for February 8th, at 7:00 PM at the high school, which coincidentally is the exact date of Guilford's 200th anniversary of incorporation. Storms date will be February 10th.
18. First notice given to the board for warrant articles. The deadline will be February 2nd.
19. Under Assessor's Issues, one abatement and one supplement were processed.
20. Following a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.