

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 28, 2016 (July meeting changed)

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Latest letters from MRC were shared. They are up to 104 communities and will be drawing final plans after June 30th. Some may be left out!
5. Compensation for the Fire Chief was discussed again and more information is needed before the next meeting when a decision will be made.
6. The SAD#4 Budget was soundly defeated at the validation vote and will be revisited.
7. Bicentennial events were reported; the Breakfast by the Bridge put on by Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union was a success with over 275 folk receiving a great breakfast on a perfect summer-like morning. The Library reported that every author sold some of their books at the Meet the Maine Authors event, and the enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the day as did the 19 authors themselves! The Doggy Days Fair was not a crowded event but those that attended learned some pointers, got shots up to date, and had a chance to meet lots of new dog and dog-lover friends!
8. The programming for the big day, July 30th, when we hold our annual River Festival was discussed. There will be a full day of events with a huge parade, lots of music from Elvis, Cold Blue Steel and Blue Water, a special dedication of the ball diamond, lots of food and craft vendors, a pie-eating contest, return of the pig scramble, duck race, water slide, bounce house and many other things to enjoy including several class reunions.
9. The selectmen returned their Legislative Policy Committee ballot to Maine Municipal association. The two candidates were unopposed.
10. It was decided to put the snow plowing out to bid as there had been a marked increase in interest from possible contractors. Offers to bid will go out this week with an opening planned for the August meeting.
11. The Guilford Summer Recreation program is up and running with Joe Gallant at the helm for the eleventh season! He does a great job.
12. The Department of Labor made a surprise visit after a hiatus of seven years and took up a

greater part of the day. Although the inspection revealed some minor issues, we were complimented in several areas, particularly record keeping at the fire department. The inspector's report will follow within a few weeks.

13. An off-premises catering license was approved by unanimous vote for the Red Maple Inn, permitting the beer tent at the river festival.

14. Under Assessor's business, an updated taxpayer list was presented for review, the tax rate calculation was completed, and the mil rate was set at .0016 (\$16.00 per thousand of value), representing an increase of 1.40.

15. Under "Other Business", it was noted with appreciation that Hardwood Products Company had replaced two street lamps with LED bulbs and with very satisfactory results. The town will replace the five remaining fixtures in the same manner.

16. Following a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.