

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 6, 2016

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, and guest, Phil Pouzol .
 2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
 3. Balance sheets distributed.
 4. Latest letters from MRC were shared. The deadline to object to the DEP permit has expired and things are progressing, but PERC has filed with the State Supreme Court to reverse the permit. The bickering and trickery continues.
 5. A thank you note from Dave Gaw was read; he and his family were very appreciative of the honor of having the town ball field designated "Dave Gaw Diamond."
 6. Thank you note from Linda Gilbert was read applauding Guilford's recreation program.
 7. Thank you notes from non-profit recipients of our annual support were read from Pine Tree Hospice, Community Health and Counseling, and Spruce Run/ WomanCare Alliance.
- Martell moved and Burdin seconded that the board go into executive session to discuss an economic development proposal as per M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). Time in: 7:14. Time out: 7:38. No action taken.
8. Our Bicentennial Cruise-In/ Outdoor Movie Night made a good showing with over 40 classic cars registered and about 100 folks enjoying the movie. The committee is looking at repeating the event next year!
 9. The petition that requested that the speed limit on the lower end of Blaine Avenue from the school to the town garage be reduced to 30 MPH was forwarded to M.D.O.T. and they responded that the matter is now on their "to do" list.
 10. The Moosehead Enterprises Cable Contract discussion which had been previously tabled from was renewed. As the contract is non-exclusive, past objections were placated and a motion to renew was made, seconded and approved.
 11. Manager presented a past bill and a current invoice for the bridge lighting following the replacement of all bulbs with an LED version; the bill was cut in half!
 12. Manager reported that Wellman Paving was nearly finished on Butter Street and would be moving to Lancaster Avenue and Ellis Avenue tomorrow.

13. Naming a voting delegate to the Maine Municipal Association's annual meeting was undertaken. The board named manager to cast the vote for the Town of Guilford.
14. Manager reported that he will be meeting with Mayo Regional Hospital in the near future to follow up on the flooring replacement in several exam rooms at the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center facility.
15. It was also noted that the Guilford Historical Society would be holding its annual Harvest Fair on September 24th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at their building and this year's offering would include a Hay Bale Maze for youngsters at the Braeburn lot across the street, as well as the Open House, pumpkin decorating, and BBQ grill lunches for sale. A cemetery tour will follow at 6:10 PM detailing the lives of many of Guilford's past citizens.
16. The annual Leaf-Peeper Tour for our area Seniors has been scheduled for October 6th. Destination to be determined in the very near future.
17. It was announced that the town received a dividend of \$1439.00 from its Workers Comp carrier for the past year due to its loss ratio and safety programs.
18. Prudential Insurance Company notified the town that they would no longer be providing life insurance benefits as the town group was too small for them to be bothered with.
19. Manager requested that the board revisit the ancient cemetery maps and designate two additional lots in an area previously declared unfit for burial. The recent trend toward cremation over full casket services indicated that the area in question would be suitable for the cremains. It was authorized to approve two additional plots.
20. Under Assessor's business, four abatements were awarded two supplements assessed.
21. Under "Other Business", Lander commented that it was difficult to get questions regarding assessment answered as the office is closed when he gets out of work. Manager offered to teach him the basics of the assessing program that he may come in anytime and review the assessments in question.
22. Following a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.