

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 8, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell, guests, Code Enforcement Officer, Keith Doore and Fire Chief, Jeff Libby.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read note from Spirit of America Tribute Foundation.
5. CEO Doore spoke regarding building permit fees. There are many people not bothering to get them, some after repeated efforts to compel them to do so. It was voted to charge \$25.00 for a residential or commercial building permit and \$10.00 for a driveway permit with a \$50.00 charge for an "after-the-fact" permit. Manager will post this, after checking on the power to enforce penalties legally.
6. Manager outlined issues with our School Street project. A significant amount of ground water has bubbled up under the road, undermining pavement for a stretch of about 80 feet. Haley Construction has cut the affected area and excavated a trench to disperse the water. Pavement will be required in the spring. Regarding pavement, Pike Industries has sent second notices on outstanding invoices. They have been advised that the work is not completed, not satisfactory, and not proven given the low temperatures at the time of surfacing. Their representative will pass this along to their management and we will revisit as necessary and are currently trying to work on a resolution.
7. The Web design is coming along quite well. Currently trying to fix the hosting problem with Go Daddy as the link to the site is not working properly *Further North Consulting* has done some good work and we should be launching in the very near future.
8. Nominations for the Annual Spirit of America award were requested. Hardwood Products Company and Puritan Medical Supply were nominated and so voted due to their many and significant contributions to the town and town projects.
9. One of our constables, Allen Drew, will be attending the Criminal Justice Academy at the next available opening. The Town of Dexter will be contributing 25% of the expenses toward this effort, with SAD #48 contributing 50%, Guilford was asked to chip in the remaining 25% and the manager has received a commitment from Officer Drew that he would continue his duties on behalf of the town for at least two more years following his graduation. It was previously agreed to participate and the Town of Dexter will handle the finances.

10. Whereas our long standing plumbing inspector has resigned, the board appointed Bret Marshall to the position.
11. A reminder was given that the annual budget meeting is scheduled for February 11th at the High School. Mike Dexter will attend to the paperwork.
12. There will be a meeting to determine interest in continuing the River Festival on January 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Red Maple.
13. Reminder given that the board is to meet with Dave Barrett on February 6th and will review résumés on January 31 at 6:00 PM .
14. The Library has received two grants totaling \$46,000.00 for their repair project; \$22,000.00 from the Steve and Tabitha King Foundation and \$24,000.00 from the Davis Family Foundation. The work will include rebuilding the staircase from Water Street into the building, new windows, repairs to the eaves and other items. Our librarian, Heidi Dow and the directors are to be complimented and congratulated for their efforts in obtaining these funds.
15. The annual septic waste disposal contract with Patterson's Septic service was renewed at the rate of \$700.00 per year.
16. Manager announced that the federal share (FEMA) of the storm damages from October of 2017 has been paid (\$4,755.05) with the State's portion still to come.
17. The County Budget has been adopted by the commissioners. Guilford's share will be \$187,359.00, an increase of fifteen dollars over the prior year.
18. Fire contracts for Abbot and Parkman were renewed and signed by the board with no increases.
19. Fire department 2019 officer list was presented and approved by unanimous vote.
20. Final Notice given for any warrant articles that board members may want added to the annual town meeting warrant. Deadline will be February 4th, 2019 in order to allow time for acceptance, printing and posting.
21. The neighbor of a tax acquired property on Pine Street would like to accept the offer to have the acreage added to his lot and agrees to pay the outstanding taxes and sewer bills. He will have the mobile home removed and the lot will no longer qualify as a separate house lot. The property at 4 Burgess Road will hopefully be sold by bid prior to the April 1st assessment date.
22. Under assessors' issues, two tree growth renewal applications were approved and signed and one abatement was granted
23. Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) (personnel matter) Time in: 8:17; Time Out: 8:40. Following the session, wages for the coming year were set for all

employees and consideration was given to the new mandated minimum wage for Maine of eleven dollars per hour for 2019.

24. Under “Other Business”, the board agreed to compensate the manager for four weeks of unused vacation time; discussed painting the meeting room and upgrading the lighting, and authorized the manager to begin searching and negotiating for additional public works help.

25. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

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Clerk