

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 5, 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, and guests Code Enforcement Officer, Keith Doore; Planning Board members Lou Sidell, Matt Holland, Dick Panciera and Clayton Griffin.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed in budget format.
4. Distributed MRC Newsletter.
5. Three successive advertised public hearings were held. 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 on Facebook and the town web site. Language changes to the Land Use Ordinance to clarify intent were not questioned. Lou Sidell spoke about the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance update. There were some questions regarding the map itself, and it will be added to the ordinance when finalized. The adoption of the rules and structure will go forward at the town meeting.
6. The revised Town of Guilford web page is nearly completed and will be launched tomorrow! Selectmen were given a temporary URL to view the progress.
7. A resolution for the 2019 Spirit of America Tribute Foundation Award was signed by the board members and manager. The recipient will be announced at the annual town meeting.
8. The criminal justice academy enrollment is filled; consequently our officer Drew will not be attending this session.
9. 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.
10. There will be a River Festival meeting on February 27th at 6:30 PM at the Red Maple. The first meeting, held last month indicated significant interest in the continuation of the event with several volunteers pledging to pitch in.
11. 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.
12. The County Budget Warrant was presented to the selectmen for signatures.

13. The neighbor of a tax acquired property on Pine Street has completed the purchase and will have the acreage added to his lot. 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 has been advertised with bids due in by March 5th at 4:00 PM with hopes that it will be sold prior to the April 1st assessment date.
14. A petition from Duvaltex to the Maine State Board of Property Tax Review was served on the town following the denials of their abatement requests and an answer is being prepared to respond by Thursday, February 7th.
15. The delinquent tax rate was set at the State maximum of 9% with the return rate at 5%.
16. The Manager's Annual Budget was presented to the board for review.
17. Under assessors' issues, two tree growth renewal applications were approved and signed and one abatement was granted.
18. Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) (personnel matter) Time in: 8:04; Time Out: 8:49. No action taken.
19. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:51 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk