

## **TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**March 5, 2019**

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, and Peter Martell, and Lee Ann Salley and Joe Salley.**
- 2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.**
- 3. Balance sheets distributed.**
- 4. Distributed MRC Newsletter.**
- 5. Discussed Town of Cambridge's correspondence regarding the Mayo Merger.**
- 6. Read letters from Mayo Regional Hospital, one vacating their lease as of April; the other explaining the future possibility of the HAD taxing the member towns within the district. If this eventuality comes to pass, Guilford's annual share will exceed \$100,000.00.**
- 7. Read response from State Board of Property Tax Review regarding Duvaltex' petition for an abatement. They now must contract a mediator mutually agreeable to the town if their claim is to move forward and the town will necessarily split the cost..**
- 8. Distributed PCSWCD Newsletter.**
- 9. Read resignations from deputy clerk, Diane Cookson who has accepted a position with the town of Palmyra, and from assessor, Danielle Smith who will be the new administrative assistant for the town of Hudson.**
- 10. Opened bids for the tax acquired property at 4 Burgess Road. The apparent high bid was awarded to Thomas Harville of Skowhegan.**
- 11. There will be another River Festival meeting on March 27th at 6:30 PM at the Red Maple. The theme this year is "Got Wood?".**
- 12. Annual Town Meeting Warrant presented to the board for review.**
- 13. Manager made a formal announcement of the recent hirings of town employees: Johanna Turner is the new deputy clerk, Peter Drummond has joined the public works department, and Lee Ann Salley will begin assessing duties in April. The manager search is nearly complete and should be finalized prior to the town meeting.**

14. Johanna Turner was appointed to the positions of deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar of Voters and deputy Forest Fire Warden.
15. With the April closing of Key Bank, two accounts needed to be transferred. It was voted to move the Fire Savings Account and the Police Savings Account to Camden National Bank where other town accounts are held.
16. The personnel policy was updated to change the work week from “the close of business on Friday through the close of business the following Friday.” The health insurance benefit was adjusted to 75% of dependent coverage, grandfathered for all current employees.
17. Manager reported that he would be offering the prayer and singing the national anthem at the opening of the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
18. Under assessors’ issues, one tree growth renewal application was approved.
19. Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) (personnel matter) Time in: 8:18; Time Out: 8:42. No action taken.
20. There being no “Other Business” .....
21. It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:43 PM.

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Selectmen of Guilford

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