

## **TOWN OF GUILFORD SPECIAL SELECTPERSON'S MEETING**

**March 17, 2020**

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Chair Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board Members Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, Mike Dexter and Paul Zimmerman. Also in attendance were Town Manager David Wilson and Town Treasurer Johanna Turner.**
- 2. The Manager provided an update on the current COVID-19 virus issue and stated that he didn't know of any municipality that hasn't closed their doors to the public for the time being over the past 48 hours. The manager explained this is for the health of staff and citizens and if the Board chooses to do the same the town would remain fully staffed and able to meet all the public's needs by phone, e-mail, fax or regular mail. After discussion to include talk about CDC and state mandates and best practices a motion was made and seconded to close all town municipal offices to the public for a period of no less than two weeks in the best interest of the staff and public. Vote was unanimous.**
- 3. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. Vote was unanimous. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.**

**A motion was made to accept the Town Manager's resignation with regret, appreciation and professionalism. Vote was unanimous.**

**The manager thanked the Board for all their support and hard work during the challenging year together. The manager stated he wished to reiterate for the record that the decision to step down was completely due to the offer and position being made to him by the Eastern Maine Community College and that he'd enjoyed taking on, and correcting the challenges that he, the Board and administrative team have faced over the past 12 months and also has enjoyed the support of the community and his staff.**

**A brief discussion on the Manager's recommendation for an interim manager was discussed.**

- 3.a A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.**

**Motion was made and seconded to appoint Johanna Turner as interim town manager for a period of no less than 9 months beginning end of regular day on May 1, 2020 based on the Town Manager's recommendations. Vote was unanimous.**

- 4. It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.**

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Select Board of Guilford

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