

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTPERSON'S MEETING

October 6, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Thompson. Present in addition to Chair Bill Thompson and Manager Johanna Turner were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and Paul Zimmerman. Road Commissioner/Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jeff Libby was also present.
2. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of September 2020 minutes.  
Unanimous
3. Balance Sheets were distributed and reviewed.
4. Guests: Lisa Martell, Janie Lander, and Alvin McDonald, Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library.

Lisa Martell addressed the board and the manager with an inquiry as to the status of the Town's fiduciary funds that have specifically earmarked for the Guilford Memorial Library. These funds had been managed by the Maine Community Foundation but upon the recommendation of the town's auditor have been closed out of the MCF and instead established with Androscoggin Savings Bank. Town Manager provided the select board and the library trustees with a copy of the account activity with present balances. The Town manager explained that plans are in place to meet with Portland Trust Co (as recommended by Androscoggin Savings Bank) to see if the funds would receive more yield if invested with them. Because of the pandemic these plans have been delayed.

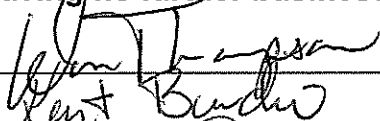
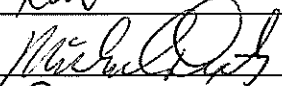
5. Manager Report – Town Manager reviewed with the board the latest executive order regarding mask mandates. To keep in compliance there will be no entrance into the town office beyond the lobby, the town will post the mask mandate for the public and will continue to offer curbside to residents who do not wish to wear a mask. In addition, renters in the municipal building will be told that they must wear a mask when in the building (other than when they are in their individual offices). And update regarding the preparation of Election 2020 was given – a drop box is now in place and absentee ballots have been sent out, our tabulator will be arriving shortly and the election clerks will receive a training on using the machine. Given the limited capacity and the expected crowds on election day, the next select board meeting, which falls on election day, will be held at the Fire station. The Keep ME Healthy grant will be providing signs to both the Piscataquis Sheriff's Department and the Guilford Fire Department, these signs will help with any public safety messaging related to the current pandemic and well as future public safety messages. Town Manager will be attending the MMA Virtual Convention which is happening on several days over the next two weeks. 30-day lien maturity notices have been sent out – manager gave the board a list of properties facing tax acquired status. An update will be given next month.
6. Guilford Police Department – Town Manager updated the board as to communications between Piscataquis Sheriff's Department, and Maine Criminal Justice Academy as to

the status of the Guilford Police Department and options available moving forward. After reviewing the liability and concerns of continuing as a department and discussing the avenues available to continue separate police coverage in light of the new presence of the Sheriff's Department to the town since their relocating their patrol base to Guilford, it was recommended to the board by the manager that the Guilford Police Department be dissolved. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Guilford Police Department – Unanimous.

- 7. Police Cruiser – the current Guilford Police Department cruiser will be put up for bid. The bid announcement will be advertised via Maine Municipal Association website. The cruiser will be available for bid with no minimum bid requirement. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.
- 8. 2020-2021 Budget Overview – Town manager gave the board an early draft of the 2020-2021 operating budget. After a brief overview was given, the draft was sent with the board to review and return with questions at the December 2020 board meeting where an updated budget with any late changes will be presented and reviewed.

9. Other Business

10. Having no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

  
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Kent Bunker  
  
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Peter Martell  
Select Board of Guilford

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Clerk