

TOWN OF GUILFORD SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 16, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 8:00 a.m. Present were select board members Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and Paul Zimmerman. Also present were David Wilson, town manager and Jim White, County Commissioner.

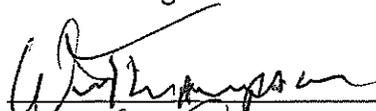
A discussion was held as to the recent article in the Observer where made it appear that the Town had not divulged to the County that the lease agreement was a 3-year lease as opposed to a 1-year and the Town was receiving questions about how the article reflected negatively on Guilford. The manager went through a timeline showing that the lease was provided to the County first on August 12th and between that time and September 18th the County asked for three revisions, showing that it had been reviewed and that no revision request dealt with the length of the lease. The manager stated the 3-year term had been discussed since the beginning and in any event, the lease had an 'out-clause' attached. The manager stated the Town had been unaware that the County was looking at another building until the article came out and felt the lease length was being used as a reason to release the County from the burden of the agreement.

Jim White stated that the County had only become aware of the Key Bank building in the last couple weeks and that the cost potentially is very low and meets the needs of the Sheriff's Department. He stated he didn't write the newspaper article and found it unfortunate that certain statements were taken out of context and that the County had no intention on making the Town of Guilford look poorly in the paper. The manager did have question as to why the lease agreement hadn't been signed prior to looking into the Key Bank Building if this building had only come available very recently.

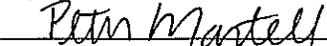
After discussion the manager stated to the Board that he wished to speak to the Observer and have an article printed that reflects the Town has been very accommodating to the County as it relates to the lease offer. Mr. White asked if the Town could wait until Monday, October 21st after they know more about the Key Bank offer and would jointly meet with the manager and Observer to provide a statement.

It was decided that a discussion needs to be held as to the next step with the Lightbody Building. Peter Martell suggested that possibly a special referendum needs to take place to have the voters allow the Board to either lease or sell the property.

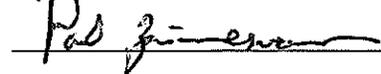
2. Bill Thompson passed out evaluation forms for the board members to complete and return to him before the next regular meeting on November 5th. The evaluation will be completed for the town manager and performed in Executive Session on the 5th.
3. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.









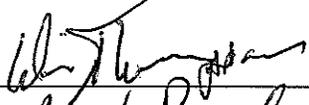


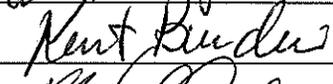
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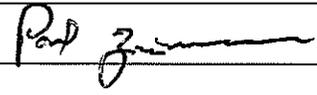
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1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 9:00 a.m. Present were select board members Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and Paul Zimmerman. Also present were David Wilson, town manager and Ron Smith of RHR Smith, C.P.A.
2. A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session under Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405 (6) (G) for the purpose of receiving an update on the audit. Vote was unanimous.
3. The Board came out of session at 9:55 a.m. No vote or decisions were made.
4. Meeting was adjourned.









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