

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 7, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and Paul Zimmerman, and Chief Jeff Libby, and David Wilson, soon to be town manager.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Manager read letter of resignation to be effective at 7:59mAM on May 13th.
5. Read letter of resignation from Paul Zimmerman, stepping down from the planning board following his election as Selectman.
6. Read e-mail from Bruce Flaherty of the Spirit of America Tribute Foundation.
7. Distributed MRC Newsletter; They have begun accepting waste and are now looking for a new executive director following the resignation of long time director Greg Louder.

Chief Jeff Libby addressed the board to inform them of changes in requirements regarding training and equipment. Hoods and gloves have been upgraded, and the cost has risen exponentially. The Labor Board now goes by the manufacturers' recommendations for life expectancy of gear and this fox-guarding-the-henhouse approach will only lead to shorter lifespans and greater expense.

8. Reminder that Community Pride Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 18th.
9. The next River Festival committee meeting is scheduled for May 22. Timber Tina and her woods-woman show has been contracted for the event to coincide with the "Got Wood?" theme.
10. Dominic Riitano was unanimously approved as an alternate for the planning board and was appointed accordingly.
11. Library news The 2019 Prom will be held at the Library! Construction on the eaves and window replacement will begin in June; still waiting for a date from Haley on the step repair. They will once again have the story Walk during the River Festival as well as a book sale. Several upcoming events are planned, available on their Facebook Page.
12. Manager explained the past practice on cemetery flowers. Dexter would investigate having students do the plantings and Wilson said it would get done.

13. **Manager related that representatives from The Audubon Society had inspected several Guilford locations for a planting project that they may apply for funding through a grant process. They will let us know as soon as they hear.**
14. **A brief discussion was held regarding leasing town land and tabled as our attorney advised it must be decided by the governing body at town meeting.**
15. **The board appointed David Wilson as the new Town manager, Agent, Overseer of the Poor; Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, Constable, Health officer, Emergency Management Director, and Deputy Forest Fire Warden. They also appointed Jeff Libby as road commissioner.**
16. **Certificate of settlement**
17. **Under assessors' issues, one tree growth renewal application was approved and one abatement was granted.**
18. **Under "Other Business", manager mentioned that progress was being made on finding resting places for several of the remains in the town's possession with over 63,000 hits on Facebook, over 1200 shares, and two television articles!**
19. **It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:01 PM.**

Selectmen of Guilford

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