

Guilford Planning Board Minutes
Guilford Town Office
October 19, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Matt Holland – Chairman, Robert Elliot, Richard Panciera, Martha Ward, Lou Sidell – Secretary;
Alternate Board Members present: Ed Davis and Clayton Griffin;
Also present: Keith Doore, Code Enforcement Officer.

Minutes: Member Ward moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2016 and member Elliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously,

After some expressed concerns regarding aquifer protection and the impact of the Fryeburg, Maine losing a court case, Member Sidell provided an overview of the Fryeburg Planning Board case based on his review of the internet newspaper articles and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court's opinion. There were several related court actions involving Fryeburg and Nestles but they were with the Fryeburg Water Company and the Town and not the planning board. The Water Company agreed to sell water to Poland Springs a subsidiary of Nestle and the Town appealed and lost. The cases also involved Maine's Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

The Fryeburg Planning Board's hearings regarded a proposal to establish a Nestles/Poland Springs trucking facility to transport water piped in from a neighboring community. Their Planning board had the input of the town attorney and involved significant professional testimony from both sides of the issue. The Board denied the Nestle request for a 24/7 truck loading facility. The resulting court case and appeals involved additional legal representation. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court found for Nestle. Sidell expressed concern that if Guilford is to proceed with an aquifer protection ordinance it would be prudent to engage professional input and legal advice. From the material reviewed it was noted that the bottling company shared no expense in challenging the community at every level. The board consensus was that it would need broad community support before engaging in drafting a measure to proceed.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Code officer, Doore, reviewed the following issues with the Board:

- Steve Wilson, 274 Sebec Shores Road, Map 2, Lot 1-2, is proposing to build a pond at approximately 20' x 60' and estimated to be 15' deep with a dry hydrant.
- The neighboring Town of Dover-Foxcroft, which gets its municipal water supply from Salmon Pond in Guilford, is proposing to move its intake pipe further out into the pond. The issue arose due to the drought conditions and lowering water level.

- Herrin Brothers is preparing for more expansion on East Water Street for a smoke house and refrigeration.

Adjourn: Member Elliot moved to adjourn and Member Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Sidell, Secretary