

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTPERSON'S MEETING

September 3, 2019

1. **Assessor's Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 p.m. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, Paul Zimmerman, David Wilson, town manager.**

Chair Thompson went over the Assessing Agent's letters explaining the various reasons for the Abatement requests. Motions were made and seconded to approve the following Abatements with votes being unanimous to accept:

**David Wheaton, 39 Hudson Avenue - \$562.65
Stephanie Cartwright, 108 Water Street - \$433.79
Debora Seneca, Water Street - \$357.56
Rosemary Chase/Kim Robinson, 11 Alice & Lorin Dr. - \$435.60
J.P. White, Wharf Road - \$435.60
Stan/Rosemary Folsom, Butter Street - \$566.28
Randall Edgerly, 49 Blaine Avenue - \$130.68**

Chair Thompson presented a supplemental tax bill for 21 South Main Street for the years 2017, 2018 & 2019. Motion made and seconded to approve the supplemental tax billing. The manager explained the circumstances to include the (former) assessing agent at the time failed to assess the 2017 through 2019 taxes and that the owner had been in agreement for a payment plan for the 2014 taxes and moving forward which had failed to be honored entirely. The manager explained that the supplemental bill is necessary and will be accompanied by a 30-day notice to pay the taxes in full. Vote was unanimous.

1. **The regular Selectman's Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.**
2. **Motion made and seconded to approve all minutes. Vote was unanimous.**
3. **Balance sheets were distributed.**
4. **Scheduled Guests: There were none.**
5. **Appointments. Christine Lancaster was appointed as Town Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Forest Fire Warden, Registrar of Voters and Motor Vehicle Clerk.**
6. **Several items of correspondence were distributed. No questions or comments on any item in particular.**
7. **Old Business. There was none.**
8. **New Business. Service Programs. After discussion on the budget overall Peter Martell made motion, which was seconded, to fund all the current requests however reduce the overall amounts by approximately 25% thus making the total**

allocation \$5,600.00 on the upcoming budget for FY '20. Those organizations to be funded will include the same organizations that were funded in FY '19 with no additions. Vote was unanimous. Allocations on the FY '20 budget to be as follows:

- a. American Red Cross - \$1,000
 - b. CHCS - \$500
 - c. Guilford Historical Society - \$1,000
 - d. American Legion - \$300
 - e. Easter Agency on Aging - \$1,000
 - f. Pine Tree Hospice - \$500
 - g. Partners for Peace - \$750
 - h. Life Flight - \$300
 - i. Partnership Food Pantry - \$250
9. **EMA Plan.** The manager explained that it appeared an EMA plan specific to Guilford had been attempted around 2005 and never completed. The manager stated he would be working on one tailored to Guilford over the next few months and would be seeking assistance.
10. **Sidewalk Snow Removal.** A discussion was held as to the best practice to remove the snow from sidewalks this upcoming season with the equipment in place. It was the consensus that with the second public works employee on board there should be more time to perform this function. It was pointed out, however, that sidewalks are secondary to the clearing of all roads and municipal areas.
11. **Manager's Report.** The manager discussed a recent conversation with representatives from Duvaltex and our town attorney. After discussion motion was made and seconded to direct the town attorney to negotiate and make the initial offer to Duvaltex on the matter at hand. Vote was unanimous.
- The manager announced he would be out of the office the week of September 9th however would be local and available by telephone if needed.
- The manager stated the interviews for Library Director would be taking place on September 4th at the town office.
12. **Any Other Business –** There was none.
13. It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk