

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 9, 2021

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.
2. The minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved as written. Unanimous
3. There was no correspondence to distribute and no guests present at the meeting.
4. Junk Yard Permit Renewal - A junk yard permit renewal was presented for Charles Merrill for his property at 272 Water Street. A motion was made to renew the permit. Unanimous
5. Manager's Report – Manager Turner updated the board on several items:
 - A. CMP conversion – Monica and Jeff are still coordinating with Tasha Raymond on the project. Tasha was onsite to review lights with Jeff. We are in hopes to be “in the que” soon.
 - B. Efficiency Maine – Valley Home Services has been to the town office and has given a quote to install 3 heat pumps into the town office. The quote, without consideration of the Efficiency Maine rebates is for \$7350. Valley will be researching the newly announced rebates for municipalities and will be back in touch with an updated quote.
 - C. GML update – Manager Turner reported to the board that a meeting was held with the Trustees of GML along with the library staff. Board Chair Bill Thompson was also present for the meeting as requested by GML Trustees. The meeting was very productive and allowed for all parties to establish a common understanding of the library as a department of the town and of the role that the Trustees play as it relates to the operations of the library.
 - D. Budget Public Hearing Date Set – the public hearing on the budget will be held on March 2nd 2021 at 6:30 pm just prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.
 - E. Bobcat – A new Bobcat is on order and hopefully will be placed in service within the month.
 - F. Fiscal Year Change: Manager Turner relayed to the board that she will be continuing to pursue changing the fiscal year and the implications of the change. Realistically the timeframe to complete this change is two years out. More information will be coming as this unfolds.
6. A motion was made to approve and enact GML Bi-laws and GML division of responsibilities as created by the Town Manager with input from GML Board of Trustees on 1/25/2021. Unanimous
7. The town meeting warrant was distributed for review in preparation of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.
8. The delinquent tax rate for property taxes for 2021 was set at 6% with a return rate of 2% for those sums paid but returned through abatements.

9. **Abatements/Supplementals/Other Assessor Items:** A letter prepared by Assessor Lee-Ann Salley was presented requesting:
- A. An abatement in the amount of \$541.26 to Dustin Lander as the tax bill on his land was consolidated onto one bill and the “old” account was not deleted in our system. A motion was made and seconded to accept this abatement. Unanimous
 - B. An abatement in the amount of \$23.59 to James and Carol Granger as they were billed in error for an existing shed on the property which did not belong them and was actually located on the property beside theirs. A motion was made and seconded to accept this abatement. Unanimous

10. Having no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Select Board of Guilford

Clerk