

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 7, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell and guest, Sue Mackey Andrews.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Letter from Mayo Hospital outlining town's portion of HAD#4 debt for review purposes. Guilford's share is currently \$746,424.00.
5. Distributed MRC Newsletter updating Fiberight progress, Recycling changes and interim delivery status.
6. Earl Richardson of Moosehead Enterprises requested permission to install a communication cabinet adjacent to the cemetery vault on Elm Street. The site is to provide power for the cable TV system as well as house fiber optic equipment for that section of town. Unanimous vote to approve.
7. Manager noted that all paperwork was up to date for the Red Maple Inn micro-enterprise CDBG grant. Manager attended the required training session in Augusta.
8. A proposal from MMA to conduct a manager search following Tom's retirement and accompanying service agreement was discussed. It was voted to proceed to contract with MMA with the search to begin no later than January of 2019.
9. Set a date to meet with neighbors to discuss contracting services. Will confirm date with them, tentatively August 21<sup>st</sup>.
10. Sue Mackey Andrews, a candidate for Maine senate addressed the board briefly presenting a few of her concerns and platform planks.
11. A letter from Duvaltex requesting huge abatements was read and discussed. They are looking for a 54% reduction in the current year and a 61% reduction from 2017 for a total of \$18,786,400.00; \$151,548.35 this year and \$195,052.61 from 2017. (\$346,600.96) (This year's billed tax amount is \$277,644.85) Request denied by unanimous vote, and manager to set meeting date to discuss this with them.

12. Board voted to designate manager to cast Guilford's vote for MMA vice president and executive board positions.
13. Manager gave a brief update on the River Festival. There were more food vendors than last year and over 40 vendors in all. The planned "stretcher race" was cancelled due to a withdrawal of one of the teams. Duck ticket sales were down but overall revenues were steady. The rain almost held off, coming down in buckets with five minutes left of the fireworks display! Consequently, they fired everything at once and it was a spectacular sight!!
14. Allocations to non-profits were made with American Red Cross receiving \$1,350.00, Pine Tree Hospice, \$650.00; Eastern Area Agency on Aging, \$1,350.00; Partners for Peace (formerly WomanCare), \$1,000.00; LifeFlight Foundation, \$300.00; Community Health & Counseling, \$675.00; American Legion, \$300.00; and Guilford Historical Society, \$1,350.00. An additional \$500.00 was reserved for stone repair at Guilford Center Cemetery.
15. Executive session was called as per Title 1, MRSA § 405(6)(A) for a personnel matter. Time in: 8:21; Time out: 8:34. No action taken.
16. In Assessor's issues, 10 abatements were granted, one was denied, and one supplement was approved.
17. Under "Other Business", manager was directed to sell remaining Bicentennial Street Banners, first by bid, then on first come basis at high bid price.
18. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

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Selectmen of Guilford

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