

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 1, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell; also guests David Clark, Chief Jeff Libby, Gayle Worden and Wendy McKenney.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Newsletter from MRC distributed detailing construction timeline.
5. Opened sole bid on School Street project from Vaughn Thibodeau II for the amount of \$445,770.00. It was voted to reject as too far above the budgeted amount. Manager directed to revisit the project with any possible changes and negotiate a secondary plan to be presented to the board.
6. Manager gave an update on the July 29<sup>th</sup> River Festival. The parade was very well attended and most vendors were satisfied with the event. Duck ticket sales picked up with the excellent sunshine filled day and T-shirt sales were good as well. There are some remaining in each size if anyone missed out! The commemorative book is out and is being very well received. They are available at the town office, library, and Whitney's Family Market for \$20.00. The Duck Race winners were Jessica Moses, Yellow; Roberta Thomas, Pink; and Stephanie Hewitt, Blue. The Story Book Walk winners were Abby Burgess and Chase Lander who each received a Toys R Us gift card. The traffic at the McKusick Petroleum sponsored Bounce House and Tsunami Waterslide was steady with Mike Dexter and the Rite-Aid Team keeping a watchful eye! The Maine Highlands Credit Union sponsored music was great once again and the fireworks generated rave reviews.
7. It was noted that the tentative dates for the SAD#4 school budget process are August 24<sup>th</sup> for the District Budget Meeting and August 29<sup>th</sup> for the budget validation referendum.
8. Chief Libby gave a general update of Guilford Fire & Rescue. There are openings on the membership roster. The fire department has received permission to install a repeater at one of the Kingsbury windmill sites and is hoping to place it soon. Donations and pledges should cover the expense. The chief also asked the board to approve contracting with Fire Recovery Service to be compensated for major traffic accident loss costs. It was moved and seconded to proceed with collections following a consult with the manager on each claim.

9. A letter to the Town from M.D.O.T. states that the bridge on the Andrews Road need guard rails leading up to the abutments. After 62 years, it appears someone needs some job justification and is threatening to close our bridge if we don't comply by the next inspection. Since they inspect every two years and since the guard rails were not deemed necessary for the last 62 years, and since the guard rails would be higher than the abutment...and since their last paragraph mentioned there would be no money available to accomplish this, it may be so far down the priority list that we get another scolding. Or it may be like all the other inspections on other items around town and it will never come up again. Voted to wait.
10. A Lady from Riverbend Homes requested that we put a bench or two between Riverbend and downtown as some that walk the route could use a resting spot. Manager directed to find funds in the budget or from outside to accomplish this.
11. The Humane Society is planning a benefit bike ride on August 20<sup>th</sup> with Guilford as the destination. They have requested the use of town property for parking on that afternoon. Permission granted.
12. The proposed slate of officers and directors for MMA executive committee was reviewed and approved, with the manager appointed to be the voting delegate to the convention for Guilford.
13. A consent agreement between the town and Gordon Davis was presented to the board in which Davis agrees to end all land filling at his South Main Street lot at the end of the current D.O.T. project and will maintain a 2:1 slope, cover the entire fill area, and seed it down at project end.
14. Annual donations to non-profits were approved in the following amounts: Eastern Area Agency on Ageing, \$1350; LifeFlight Foundation, \$300; American Legion Post #119, \$300; Community Health & Counseling, \$675; Pine Tree Hospice, \$650; American red Cross, \$1350; Guilford Historical Society, \$1350; and Partners for Peace (formerly WomanCare), \$1000.
15. Under assessors' issues, 14 abatements were awarded and 11 supplements were approved.
16. It was moved and seconded to go into executive session for economic development discussions as per 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(C). Time in: 7:44; Time out, 8:18. Following executive session, it was unanimously voted to sell the former Guilford Primary School property to Clark Enterprises LLC for \$1.00. Clark Enterprises will lease the property to GCSD (Guilford Center for Skills Development) as well as Community Fitness. The property will be returned to the tax rolls. Again the board went into executive session for another economic development issue as per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C); Time in 8:22; Time out, 8:31. Following this session, it was voted to sell the former Guilford House of Pizza,

a tax acquired property, to Clark Enterprises, LLC for \$10,000.00. This followed receipt of two unsolicited offers and the executive session was required as future proprietary plans for the property were to be discussed.

17. Tree growth applications reviewed and accepted.

18. Under "Other Business", manager noted that the Guilford Bicentennial Commemorative Books are available at \$20.00 each (\$2.61 postage if mailed) at the town office, Guilford Library, and Whitney's Family Market. These books are filled with full color photos of historical events, stories, poems, and bicentennial happenings.

19. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

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