

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 6, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. A letter of resignation from Joe Gallant, our recreation director for eleven years, was read and accepted with deep appreciation.
5. MRC letter read noting the upcoming meeting in which they will be explaining the plans and process for finishing out the current PERC contract and moving forward with Fiberight. Chairman Thompson agreed to attend.
6. A graph showing the distribution of food from Good Shepherd Foodbank was presented, detailing that over 104,000 pounds of food had been given out through Guilford Partnership Food Pantry, representing over \$176,000.00 in value. Still more interesting is the fact that these figures represent just a little over half of the at pantry's annual distribution! What a tremendous boost to the food insecure of the area.
7. Snow removal contracts previously accepted were signed by the board.
8. It was noted that Marion Lovell, born 3-3-19, had been presented the Boston Post Cane as the oldest living citizen of Guilford. A brief article appears on the Town of Guilford Facebook Page and will be in an upcoming issue of the Eastern Gazette.
9. The Maine D.O.T. project for South Main Street remains on schedule for this spring and the final agreement between the department and the town was signed by all parties.
10. Manager reported that the Tree Lighting went well with a small PCHS choir and Guilford Historical Society members singing carols as the bonfire crackled and cocoa and treats were served at GHS by Rite Aid ladies! Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by fire truck, and a small but enthusiastic crowd magically lit the 15 foot Christmas tree donated by John Johnston Trees of Parkman, Maine.
11. Manager informed the board that health insurance costs were anticipated to rise by over nine percent, but recent changes at the office should more than eliminate any effect from a rate increase.
12. The board discussed the list of tax acquired properties foreclosed on in November and advised manager to proceed to bid with most of them and to complete negotiations with those that had requested a redemption.
13. A local business had inquired about purchasing a piece of town property and the matter was tabled pending further research and clarification.

14. It was noted that the assessment from SAD#4 for the school year beginning July 1st was \$1,207,109.78 for the town's share.
15. The annual budget committee meeting date was set for February 13th, 2017, the first Monday following the February selectmen's meeting. It will be held at the P.C.E.S. cafetorium at 7:00 PM.
16. First notice to board for warrant articles given. Deadline is February 7, 2017.
17. Under Assessor's business, abatements were awarded for uncollectable personal property taxes assessed against out of business concerns and a qualified homestead exemption. Two supplements were also voted.
18. Nothing under "Other Business".
19. Following a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.