

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 7, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander and Peter Martell, and guests Niki Fortier from the SAD#4 School Board, Amanda Thomas from the HAD#4 Hospital Board, and Guy Dow, Tammy and Shawn O'Neill.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. MRC newsletter distributed. Other correspondence from MRC detailed steps necessary to redeem the town's shares of PERC after 2018 and the board voted to place an article in the warrant regarding this.
5. A letter from FairPoint was read announcing the pending sale of the company to Consolidated Communications, a leading business communications and broadband provider.
6. Piscataquis County Soil & Water Conservation District newsletter distributed.
7. Bids for the four tax acquired properties were opened and all properties were awarded to the highest bidder. Total bid amounts exceeded \$50,000.00.
8. Final notice given to board for warrant articles.
9. Manager gave an update on the proposed fire service contract with Kingsbury Plantation. A letter had been drafted as requested and Kingsbury will be deciding the issue at their annual meeting.
10. The board voted on the 2017 recipient of the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute Award. This will be presented at the annual meeting on March 20th.
11. Reminder given that the annual budget committee meeting date was set for February 13th, 2017. It will be held at P.C.S.S. at 7:00 PM.
12. The list of officers of Guilford Fire Department was presented for review and approval and was affirmed by the board with no changes from the prior year.
13. An inquiry had been presented to the Guilford Memorial Library from a neighboring town to see if a fixed cost could be set that their residents may use the library. It was decided that the current \$20.00 per person (non-resident) would remain in place as it appeared to be the most equitable and fair situation. It was noted that any student from any of the towns in the district is permitted to use the library at no charge.
14. True Textiles, Inc., now a division of Duvaltex, Inc. was recognized for their recent generosity in donating funds to the Guilford Fire Department for the purchase of two sets of turnout gear.
15. The County warrant was signed and Guilford's share will be \$176,062.00, a decrease of \$8,116.00.

16. Under Assessor's business, two tree growth applications were approved.

17. The selectmen were presented a partially completed budget by the manger and rescheduled a second meeting for Thursday February 9th at 6:30 PM. Considered an 'emergency' meeting, the local press was notified as required. The pending issue is to determine the feasibility and costs of municipal borrowing for significant road improvements.

18. Under "Other Business", Niki Fortier detailed ongoing conversations between area schools about the possibilities of creating an "innovative regional school" under a comprehensive model in which technical training would be highly promoted. No decisions have been made, but such a project would be 3-5 years out. Amanda Thomas gave an update on Mayo Regional Hospital's efforts at affiliation, a step they deem necessary to sustainability. She explained that the EMS service is a huge financial drain and the repeal of the A.C.A. would be quite detrimental if not simultaneously replaced with a new, workable program.

19. Following a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.