

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 3, 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.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. MRC newsletter distributed. Chairman Thompson noted that he had attended the last MRC meeting and that Fiberight was on schedule to begin operations in April of 2018.
5. The board was advised that many on the list of tax acquired properties foreclosed on in November were making progress toward redemption as agreed. Five others have gone to bid with those bids due in by February 7th. One remaining property may be advertised for outright sale rather than by bid, pending appraisal.
6. Second notice given to board for warrant articles. Deadline is February 7, 2017.
7. It was voted to renew the annual septage contact with Patterson's Septic Tank Pumping.
8. Fire service contracts for the neighboring towns of Parkman and Abbot were discussed. Due to the increase in minimum wages and higher costs for supplies and materials, it was agreed to request an increase of \$1,000.00 for the coming year. Kingsbury Plantation has been receiving service on as needed basis; this was deemed to require upgrading to an actual contract at a cost of \$5000.00.
9. The County budget has been finalized and Guilford's share will be \$176,062.00, a decrease of \$8,116.00.
10. Michelle Nichols was reappointed as the Registrar of Voters for a two year period.
11. It was noted that the February Board meeting is the time to select a Spirit of America Tribute Foundation Award winner in order for the recipient to be named and honored at our annual Town Meeting. The board members were encouraged to bring in their nominees for next month's meeting.
12. Reminder given that the annual budget committee meeting date was set for February 13th, 2017. It will be held at P.C.H.S. at 7:00 PM.
13. Executive session was called under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter. Time in: 7:34. Time out: 7:52. No action taken in the session. It was then voted to increase hourly rates for all employees by 50¢ and manager by \$1.00.
14. Under Assessor's business, two abatements were awarded, one for uncollectable personal property taxes assessed against property removed prior to April 1st.
15. Nothing under "Other Business".

16. Following a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.