

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 7, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Latest letters from MRC were shared. MRC reported on changes made by PERC's general partners to impede and all but eliminate their fiduciary oversight ability. They also pointed out a few legal issues in the PERC contracts and mentioned a few possible outcomes and pitfalls to be aware of. MRC has a commitment of 87,441 tons of waste to date.
5. Paving bids for Butter Street, Lancaster Avenue and Ellis Avenue were opened. There were four bidders and it was moved and seconded to accept the low bid from Wellman Paving Inc.
6. The Guilford Community Pride Clean Up Day was held May 14th, with many new faces participating. Key Bank, Grips Motor Sports and Rite-Aid all sent crews as well as many returning dedicated individuals. It was a hot and sunny day and trash was in abundant supply. Following the work, most participants enjoyed a free lunch provided by the Red Maple Inn. Memorial Day brought not-so-nice weather but the ceremony and parade went off as planned and remained quite dry for the most part in spite of the threat of showers. Letters of congratulations from Representative Bruce Poloquin and Senator Susan Collins were read, the P.C.H.S. band did a fine job with a stirring rendition of Taps on trombones, and the Piscataquis Sheriff's Office, Sons of the Union, and Parkman Boy Scouts supported the many veterans who marched.
7. Compensation for the Fire Chief was discussed and a committee was formed to do further research for the next meeting.
8. The SAD #4 budget meeting was held on May 26th and after there long hours and many amendments, was finally passed. The proposed increase to the town was initially \$196,009.56 and after changes would now be \$159,024.36 if final approval is achieved. The next step will be a vote to validate (or not), to take place in each of the six towns of the district.
9. Manager detailed the upcoming Bicentennial Events for June: On June 11th, Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union will offer "Breakfast on the Bridge" to celebrate their 50th anniversary as an added event to our Bicentennial plans and to highlight the newly repaired bridge. Also on that day, Guilford Memorial Library will be holding a Maine Author's Day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm featuring 19 Maine authors and the Guilford Bicentennial Pet Fair featuring exhibitions, clinics and more will run from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Guilford ball field.
10. The board voted to participate in The Spirit of America Volunteer Honors program discussed at our June meeting and nominated Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union as the first recipient of that honor. A resolution, to be presented at a later date, detailing their many voluntary contributions is currently being drafted.
11. Speaking of awesome volunteers, Brian and Cindy Woodworth, besides donating their time and energies to replanting H. King Cummings Park, also donated the new oak barrels, six arborvitae, and many annual plants. Thanks, Brian and Cindy!
12. Maine Gravesite Maintenance Company had been hired to do a private cleaning job at Lawn Cemetery. As is their practice, whenever they visit a cemetery, they clean one veteran's

stone, free of charge. At Lawn, they cleaned the stone of the late Sgt. Winton Cobb, a long time Guilford resident now buried there. Thank you, MGM!

13. Lightning evidently struck the Fire Station antenna. We are reporting it to the insurance carrier and are in the process of gathering estimates on its replacement.
14. Reminder: June 14 is Election Day as well as School Budget Validation voting.
15. It was moved and seconded to hold the July selectman's meeting on June 28th at the usual time and place to accommodate the tax rate calculation process prior to July 4th.
16. Under Assessor's business, a taxpayer list was presented for review.
17. Under "Other Business", it was decided to have an action plan and estimates for new flooring at the C.H.Lightbody Medical Center facility.
18. Following a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.