

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 6, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell and guests, Fire Chief Jeff Libby.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. A Notice from SAD#4 of our School District Tax was read. It represents an increase of \$112,480.34 from a year ago. It was noted that in 6 years, the increases have amounted to \$335,606.93, including this years' bump which is double the average.
4. Opened paving bids for the School Street and High Street projects. Four bids were received and the low bid was from Pike Industries. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to negotiate a contract with the apparent low-bidder.
5. Manager announced that the CDBG application for a micro-enterprise grant submitted for the Red Maple Inn had been successful and that they were invited into the project development, Phase II, part of the program. Pending completion of the environmental review, historic preservation sign-off, a public hearing and final paperwork, the grant will be awarded, subject to the release of federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Development. The required hearing has been advertised and is scheduled for July 3rd to coincide with the selectmen's meeting.
6. The representative from FEMA had the second meeting with the manager and all appears to be in order. There will be a final follow-up meeting on June 20th and all documentation will be submitted through the grants portal. If successful in the claim, the funds will go from FEMA to MEMA and then to the town. We have submitted costs of just over \$5,000.00.
7. After discussion with a staff member from Maine Revenue Services, it was decided to revisit our declared parcel ratio and amend it to 120%. The sales ratio study indicated that the town is at 114% and we must declare within 10 points of that percentage. This should increase our reimbursement amounts as respects homestead exemptions and BETE funds.
8. Bid notices have gone out and have been advertised for a tax acquired parcel; 5.6 acres on the Guilford center Road. The bid opening is scheduled for July 3rd, again at the regular selectmen's meeting. A second

property is in the process of being redeemed as per prior agreement, and the terms are being precisely followed!

9. Mayo Regional Hospital, in a June 1st press release, announced provider changes at the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center in town. While they are busy trying to recruit a new doctor, an FNP will be coming on board to hold things together for now. The 10 year lease expires in April of 2019 and the long term future of the facility is uncertain at this time.
10. Library news from Heidi Dow, our head librarian, included several items: Stephanie will be out from June 18th to July 1st for a mission trip to Kenya, Brian from BNF is working on an estimate for windows, eaves, steps and pointing as previously discussed, the Library will participate in the river Festival parade again, PCHS teens helped out on Community Service Day in the library gardens, Ethan Moulton power-swept the parking lot, and PCES S students will be making their annual visits to tour the library, hear stories, and get summer programming updates from Yvonne.
11. A resignation from the Guilford-Sangerville Water District board of directors has been received from Kevin Speed, as he has sold his home moved out of town. The board appointed Brad Deane to fill the remainder of his term.
12. The River Festival is adding another new event; the Hospital Stretcher Challenge Race! Martell secured two stretches from Readington-Fairview Hospital and rules are being worked out to enhance participation while fund raising for local cancer victims.
13. Manager made his distant pending retirement date official, given that time moves fast and a manager search can take considerable time. He stated June 16th, 2019 will be his last day of employment and he will be using his remaining vacation days immediately prior to that date. It was noted that details will need to be worked out regarding any overlap in managers, what day would be best for a new hire, and other considerations. MTCMA and MMA will be consulted for guidance through this process.
14. The water line into the municipal building is being replaced prior to the rebuilding of School Street and should be accomplished June 7th, ending years of rust colored water coming into the facility as a result of old, rusted underground pipes.
15. An executive session was called to discuss personnel issues as per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). So moved and seconded. Time in: 7:31. Time out: 7:55. It was then moved and seconded to authorize the manager to continue discussions on consolidating services with other towns.

16. Under "Other Business", manager read a letter from Duvaltex stating they were unhappy with their assessment and would only pay their opinion of taxes until they can get another appraisal and the following steps for a resolution. Also, Lander proposed having a grave stone of one of our earliest settlers repaired. This item was tabled until the August meeting.

17. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:12 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk