

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 1, 2016

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 and guests, Andy Lovell, Richard Panciera and Amanda Thomas.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Andy Lovell had sent a letter to the board members regarding the naming of a town owned facility to the honor of a specific person. After Burdin moved and Martell seconded his motion, it was unanimously determined to make appropriate plans to do so and to announce the plan at a later date.
5. Manager gave a brief report on the Birthday Bash held Valentine's Day at Valley Grange in Guilford Center. It was a pot luck lunch and the first day of the 37 Day Bicentennial Drawing. National Honor Society students and their advisor, Heather Doherty, waited tables, Jim French plowed and sanded the parking lot, Dustin Lander crafted and donated the wooden "200" sign. Manager gave a welcome address focusing on a bit of genealogy the connections that exist among all of us. The News (Channel 2) and the print press were there and a great luncheon was enjoyed by the capacity crowd. Don't forget to check out the Guilford Bicentennial Facebook page!
6. Manager noted that Fiberight was holding another informational meeting on March 14th at the Municipal Building on Morton Avenue in Dover-Foxcroft, beginning at 6:30 PM. This becomes more and more important as the town will need to make a choice at the annual meeting in three weeks.
7. Chris Winstead of PCEDC has not heard back regarding grant opportunities for renovations to the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center as requested by our long term tenant, Mayo Regional Hospital. The flooring in the exam rooms needs to be upgraded for sanitary reasons and if no grant is available, we will press forward with a draw from savings. Amanda Thomas informed the board that Mayo had put out an RFP for affiliation and is waiting for potential partners to make offers.
8. An e-mail from Plymouth Engineering was read with some budget shattering news; the contractor's preliminary estimate for the School Street project is in the neighborhood of \$375,000.00. This is well above earlier estimates and would put us into a borrowing program. Further study will be required.
9. Another pot-luck celebration event is scheduled for 5:30 PM at P.C.E.S. just prior to the town meeting on March 21st. It is hoped that many will bring a dish to share and stay for the town meeting following at 7:00 PM. The annual town meeting is the best chance for residents to voice their opinions and determine the direction the town takes in its spending, maintenance, and the tax consequences. There will also be an advertised Public Hearing at 6:30 PM, between the dinner and the town meeting, to discuss a pending CDBG grant application.
10. The State of Maine as per M.R.S.A. § 504.4 has determined that the maximum rate of interest that may be charged on delinquent property taxes is 7%. Following a motion from Burdin and a Dexter second, it was voted to set the rate accordingly at 7% with a return rate of 3% for those sums paid in but

later abated.

11. Copies of the House Calendar were presented to the board, detailing the joint resolution from the Maine House and Senate congratulating the town on the event of its 200th anniversary and wishing us all well.

12. Manager updated board on the Public Hearing held February 17th and requested they become familiar with the wording as question will certainly arise at the meeting.

13. A junkyard renewal permit was presented from Roland Cookson at 173 Wharff Road. It was decided to approve the request subject to inspection by our code enforcement officer after a motion from Lander and a Dexter second.

14. 2016 Warrant presented for review and signatures.

15. Under Assessor's Issues, one supplement was processed.

16. No "Other Business".

17. Following a motion from Lander with a second from Burdin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.