

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 10, 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, and guests Richard Panciera, Ross Fortier, Clayton Griffin and Paul Pouzol.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. A thank you note from Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union was read in appreciation of our support for their 50th Anniversary.
5. A letter from the Maine Dept. of Agriculture was read. Inquiring if the town had any interest in applying for waterfront grants with a 25% match required. No action taken
6. Latest newsletter (April 27) from MRC was shared. MRC reported they have a commitment of 78,000 tons of waste to date.
7. Maine Municipal Association sent a letter regarding nominations for their Legislative Policy Committee. No action taken.
8. The Guilford Community Pride Clean Up Day has been scheduled for May 14th, rain or shine. Once again, Goulette's IGA has donated water and latex gloves, New Balance has donated trash bags, and a free lunch for the helpers will be provided by the Red Maple Inn.
9. Manager advised Requests for Bids have gone out to prospective paving company bidders seeking sealed bids for several road sections in town.
10. Manager announced that the Bicentennial Banners now adorn the period lamp posts on Elm Street, South Main Street and the Memorial Bridge. All comments have been extremely favorable and the Bicentennial/ River Festival committee has selected that design for this year's T-shirts.
11. The Municipal Review Committee "Joinder Agreement" was presented for board signatures, following the annual town meeting vote to proceed with this alternative to solid waste disposal.
12. Manager detailed the upcoming Bicentennial Events for May and June: The Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for 10:30 in Guilford, will include a ceremony to rededicate the Guilford Memorial Bridge, now that the project is completed. Jimmy French of French Foundations has donated time and materials to fashion a monument including the original bronze plaque. On June 11th, Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union will offer "Breakfast on the Bridge" to celebrate their 50th anniversary and assist in the bridge re-dedication. Also on that day, Guilford Memorial Library will be holding a Maine Author's Day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm featuring 17 Maine authors and Guilford Bicentennial Pet Fair featuring exhibitions, clinics and more will run from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Guilford ball field.
13. An Acceptable Use Policy was presented for discussion and signatures. This policy dictates what is

permissible within the town office regarding computer and internet use and is a requirement of the insurance carrier if they are to provide cyber liability coverage. Moved by Burdin and seconded by Dexter, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. A discussion of Spirit of America Volunteer honors program ensued and manager directed to provide the link to their website for more discussion at our June meeting.

15. The preliminary SAD#4 budget figures were presented. At this early date, it appears Guilford will be facing another significant increase, this time about \$200,000.00. Approved by the School Board, the issue goes before voters at the May 26th SAD#4 Annual Budget Meeting.

16. Under Assessor's Issues, a poverty abatement was request was heard. The board went into executive session as per (1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(H). Time in: 8:18 PM. Time out: 8:22 PM. Dexter moved to deny the request, Martell seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

17. Under "Other Business", Lander requested a meeting with our assessor's agent. It is scheduled for May 24th at 5:00 PM subject to availability of all parties. A local businessman inquired as to the availability of the former Braeburn lot for a commercial enterprise and was directed to prepare a proposal and written offer for the board's consideration. Mr. Panciera complained about the cemeteries again; Mr. Fortier about the neighbors; and Mr. Griffin questioned why the town sanded a private road in Onawa. (It was not in Onawa, it was in Guilford, and it was for a wedding on a storm day; a last minute solution that the manager approved in order for the wedding to continue, and for which we were reimbursed.)

18. Following a motion from Lander with a second from Martell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.