

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 1, 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, Chief Jeff Libby and Clayton Griffin.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Read MMA LPC call for nominations; no action taken.
4. Read a letter from a resident complaining about his neighbor's ongoing activities. Code Enforcement Officer is working with this situation in hopes to gain a peaceful resolution.
5. Read a letter from David Smiley addressed to Chief Deputy (PSO) Bob Young, resigning as a deputy and subsequently, as a constable of Guilford. Dave has done an excellent job for the town for several years and his departure is noted with both regrets and appreciation for his service.
6. Fiberight newsletter distributed; it appears it will be late fall before the new facility is up and running.
7. The Guilford-Sangerville Water District has sent notices to all interested parties that they will no longer provide water for filling swimming pools and that any hydrant usage other than fire-fighting is to be reported immediately.
8. Community Pride Clean-Up day is planned for Saturday, May 12th. Volunteers are slow to sign up this year, although some have already begun litter duty activities! The Red Maple once again has committed to providing a FREE BBQ lunch to all those who volunteer so hopefully, the list will grow!
9. A contract between the town and MDOT was signed, permitting the use of heavy trucks over town roads, if necessary, for the project on Route 15, an ultra- thin bonded wearing course of pavement between downtown and Sebec shores Road.
10. LD-1629 came out of committee, "ought to pass as amended," and may likely be voted into law during the special session. In spite of municipal objection to this bill and lack of substantive proof of its necessity, the amended version will put more responsibility, expense, and effort onto the towns and remove any shred of responsibility from the tax-payers in our

nanny-state. This bill would apply several extra steps to the lien and foreclosure process, effectively forcing the town into roles of retirement planner, finance counselor, real estate broker and general hand-holder for all of the 65-and-over set. It will discourage the historic tradition of paying taxes promptly.

11. One formerly tax acquired property was deeded back to the prior owner upon receipt of all back taxes and fees due. Another property previously foreclosed upon may be deeded back to its former owner if certain conditions are met once the agreement is written. An abatement was given on a mobile home that included no land and whose owner had passed away.
12. A list of news items from Guilford Memorial Library was provided by librarian Heidi Dow detailing progress on needed repairs, a staff update, the summer schedule, and grant awards.
13. An update of the Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Program was presented for review, accepted, and so signed by the board.
14. The schedule of the assessor's agent has changed; she will now be in the Guilford office on the first and third Thursdays of each month, other than the extra days necessary near commitment time.
15. In 2008, the town entered into selling agreements with all the grant beneficiaries of our housing rehabilitation grant. This process was to insure through a lien, that the owner could not sell his repaired home for a profit following an expense paid by CDBG funds, and was written to disappear on a sliding scale within 10 years. These all would expire in 2018, a matter of a few months. Two situations have arisen in which it seems expedient to waive the lien and allow for a sale within the families of the owners and the board so voted.
16. The River Festival is planning a few additional events this year and sponsorships are coming in quite well. An event called Touch-A-Truck has been confirmed. Several commercial vehicles from excavators to backhoes to fire trucks will be on hand for youngsters to view up close.
17. Several red light permits were approved for the newest members of the fire department..
18. Under "Other Business", Martell reported on a technology conference that he and Thompson had attended. The possibility of the town owning its own

street lights was a focal point of the conference and may offer substantial, savings going forward. It will require further research.

19. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk