

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 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, Chief Jeff Libby, and Bob Pollard from Beauregard Equipment Company.**
- 2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.**
- 3. Balance sheets distributed.**
- 4. Read letter from MRC regarding progress at Fiberight facility and distributed Newsletter.**
- 5. Opened bids for wheel loader; three bids received. Awarded bid to the apparent low bidder, Beauregard Equipment for a Case 621G model for a cost of \$92,600.00 after trade-in.**
- 6. School Street rebuilding project continues to be a frustration. They have finally finished the surface lift of pavement and are now about half way through the handwork of matching the travel course to the side streets and driveways. This portion has been subcontracted to Fine Line Paving Co.**
- 7. The abatement hearing requested by Mark Dyer was held at the County Commissioners Office, subsequent to which a denial was ordered by the commissioners. The appellant has 60 days to appeal to court.**
- 8. Chairman Thompson informed the board that a meeting has been scheduled with Dave Barrett of MMA to initiate the search process on December 12th at 6:30PM.**
- 9. Chief Jeff Libby provided an update on the Fire Department. He discussed the progress with claim recoveries and the need for new protective hoods mandated by the department of labor. It was voted to purchase up to 24 hoods.**
- 10. Manager presented the proposed State Valuations for Guilford and other Piscataquis County towns, noting that Guilford's valuation decreased slightly while many others increased.**
- 11. A proposal to construct and manage a town website was presented. The current site has been "down" since it had been hacked and a new format has been suggested. Manager was authorized to negotiate pricing and content with the company offering the proposal.**
- 12. A Red Light permit application was received for firefighter Jacob Ginn and was unanimously approved.**

- 13. The Guilford Historical Society has scheduled Hometown Holiday events for the evening of November 30th. These will include caroling, cocoa and treats at the Society building a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and the annual Christmas Tree lighting.**
- 14. Tax collector gave an update on tax acquired properties: there were four as of November 1st when the 2016 tax liens matured. One owner has requested a buyback and has agreed to pay all taxes owed and clean up the property. The board agreed to give the former owner 10 days to redeem this. Two others consist of vacant homes and letters are going out to the former owners that foreclosure has been completed and that the properties will be going out to bid. A fourth property consists of a mobile home on a small lot that the sanitary district has claimed by prior lien. After consulting with the town attorney, the town has 90 days in which to trump that claim by simply paying the overdue lien. It was tabled to next meeting on this one with manager to discuss plan with sanitary district officials.**
- 15. Under assessors' issues, the abatement requests from Duvaltex were considered individually and as a group, since the reasons given for the request were copied and pasted on each abatement request, including one request that asked for an abatement of zero dollars. After discussion, it was decided to deny each request for lack of substantial proof that an over assessment had occurred. The board then signed the municipal valuation return and the assessor's certificate for the commitment book.**
- 16. Under "Other Business", a brief discussion of Mayo Hospital's planned affiliation with Northern Light ensued with no action taken.**
- 17. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:56 PM.**

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Clerk