

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 7, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:01 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell and guests, Chief Jeff Libby, Al and Lauren Hunt.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read MRC Newsletter regarding their progress toward a 2018 opening.
5. Thank you note from the Shultz's for the Leaf-Peeper trip to Philips and the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.
6. Read note of thanks from PCES for use of town equipment installing new playground equipment.
7. Chief Jeff Libby addressed the board to inform them of the new repeater installed on a wind tower in Kingsbury, 160 feet high. This will allow much further reach and clearer radio communication for emergency services. Thank you to E.On, Vestas, and Novatus Energy! And thanks to Chief Libby for his dogged pursuit of donations and contributions over the past two years to make this happen.
8. Leadership Maine, an enterprise of Southern Maine Community College will be meeting November 10th at the former Primary School with the local steering committee. This effort will survey the public, study the physical attributes and identify developments necessary for economic improvements in our town.
9. This is the 10th anniversary of Partnership Food Pantry. They operate in Guilford and Greenville with about 12 volunteers, not counting Kiwanians. They serve 250 families each year with over 140 coming regularly twice each month. They distribute over 200,000 pounds of food each year and average 50 backpacks per week in that program. The pantry at the United Methodist Church in Guilford, although smaller in scale, is celebrating 26 years in service. Al Hunt and Laurel Hunt attended to thank the town for its support over the years.
10. Robert Shaffer has passed away creating a vacancy on the school board. Although in his first term, he was able to shake things up a bit and we offer condolences to the family. It was then moved and seconded that Maged Shahin be appointed to fill the position.

11. After a brief discussion, the board designated the manager to cast the town vote for a director on the MRC Board of Directors.
12. It was voted to apply for membership in the AARP Age-Friendly communities Program with the goal of assessing and addressing the needs of our seniors in making our town a pleasant and livable place.
13. Manager noted that two properties in town were in tax foreclosure, but efforts were under way for redemption by prior owners. A decision to put them out to bid will not be made for 30 days, pending these efforts.
14. Hometown Holiday plans were announced. The Guilford Historical society will once again organize the events beginning with a cookies and a kid's coloring contest at Subway, a caroling stroll past Davis Bros. Furniture window display; to GHS for cocoa and to make "reindeer food," a bonfire and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the lighting of the town Christmas Tree and caroling, and finally on to the Library for story time and a treat!
15. Manager advised that the annual Winter Parking Ban was now in force, restricting any parking on any town road during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Violators are subject to having their vehicle towed.
16. Under assessors' issues, one abatement was granted.
17. Under "Other Business", it was noted that the Spirit of America Tribute Foundation would be holding a ceremony honoring Piscataquis County winners of the award in 2017 at Valley Grange on November 17th at 7:00PM. Manager will be giving keynote address.
18. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:09 PM.

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Clerk