

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 2, 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, Amanda Thomas and Dick Panciera.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read letter from Mayo Hospital detailing their plans for affiliating with EMMC to dissolve the present corporation (HAD#4), to remain solvent, to provide additional services, and to eliminate town debt. Amanda Thomas, one of Guilford's two representatives on the HAD#4 Board, explained things in more detail and requested the town write a letter of support. It was moved and seconded to have the manager write said letter.
5. Thank you note read from LifeFlight following our donation.
6. Library Newsletter from Heidi read to the board enumerating events ongoing at the library as well as work needing to be done.
7. There were no bids for the Red Maple Inn foundation project as part of the CDBG Micro-enterprise Grant. Manager will contact the Office of Community Development to determine the next move.
8. Manager presented progress following adoption by the town of our fire Claim Recovery ordinance. To date, we have received over \$8600.00 from one two-part claim and there are two others in the works.
9. The annual leaf-peeper tour for our senior citizens is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th. The bus holds 54 and is currently full for a trip to the Rangeley Forestry Museum and lunch at The Red Onion. There were 8 on the waiting list at this time. Whenever we exceed capacity, those names that did not get to go get contacted by phone and given preference the following year.
10. School Street progress continues to be a disappointment. In a meeting today, we were told that Fine-Line will complete the work on High Street on Friday and will return for hand work on School Street as soon as Pike completes the surface paving. Pike states that they will come back as early as possible, but no later than the week of the 15th.
11. LD 1629 has been passed as amended, to become effective December 13, 2018. This means that any 30 day notice (known as the demand notice which warns of an impending lien being recorded,) issued after that date, (and Guilford's generally are sent near April 1st), will need to include information on how to apply

for a poverty abatement and seek credit counseling, if the taxpayer is receiving the homestead exemption, falls within income guidelines, and is at least 65 years of age as of the date the lien is filed. The town will now have to know the birthdates of all residents. If the town eventually does in fact foreclose on the property, they then must list with a real estate broker and for six months and then, if unsold, revert to usual practices. Any proceeds above the amounts due and costs incurred will be returned to the taxpayer.

12. An advertised public hearing to elicit comment and questions on adoption of an updated General Assistance Ordinance and the related appendices was held. No one appeared to speak. It was moved and seconded to adopt the 2017 ordinance and the 2018 appendices A through D; Unanimous vote.
13. Manager presented the Cemetery Clean Up notice as well as the Winter Parking ban notice. Articles are to be removed from the cemeteries by October 22nd. The parking ban will be from November 1st through May 1st as usual.
14. It is time to replace our 2007 wheel loader while it still holds decent residual value. Budget pricing was presented to the board and requests for bids will be sent to targeted providers with a due date of November 6, 2018. Manager was authorized to prepare bid specifications and solicit bids for the November board meeting.
15. The board was advised that the current local plumbing inspector would be retiring from that position at year end.
16. Manager and Board Chair will be attending the annual Maine Municipal Association convention October 3rd and 4th in Augusta.
17. In Assessor's issues, 8 abatements were discussed without determination and two supplements were approved.
18. Under "Other Business", Dick Panciera asked the price of individual lots at our cemeteries (\$200.00) and if we could get water to Elmwood for flowers. Chairman Thompson reminded the members of the board to be thinking about the upcoming meeting with the MMA manager search committee.
19. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk