

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 3, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Kent Burdin at 7:01 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander and Peter Martell. Chairman Bill Thompson missed his first selectmen's meeting in over 37 years.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. 54 Seniors took advantage of the town sponsored "Leaf Peeper Tour" this morning and travelled to Phillips to ride the narrow gauge Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad, enjoying a lunch and a museum tour. One participant stated, "Great day, great food and great fun!"
5. Manager read a response from our attorney regarding the steps recommended toward establishing a claim recovery program for at-fault accident expenses incurred by the fire department. A hearing, as proposed during the September meeting was not scheduled for this date as more discussion is required and an ordinance of this type will need to be voted in at town meeting.
6. The Harvest Fair, although competing with various other events around the county, appeared to be a successful undertaking. Hot dog sales were higher than last year, Chris Clukey from White Barn Antiques did a great job explaining to folks what their treasures were worth, the hay rides and the hay bale maze attracted many from all age groups and the cemetery tour at Guilford Center Cemetery and following bonfire were well attended.
7. Wellman Paving was in town working with Jordan Excavation on the South Main Street project and while here, repaved the entire length of Ellis Avenue, applying another lift of asphalt on top of last year's job to fill any cracking and settling that had occurred.
8. Fire service contracts for the towns of Abbot, Parkman, and now Kingsbury were presented for signatures. Kingsbury is moving from a per call basis to a more equitable ready-to-serve annual fee format.
9. There has been some ongoing, minor vandalism at the library in recent days, mainly in the form of graffiti and some broken glass and cigarette butts. Today, five young people had to be told they are no longer allowed on the property. Three boys and two girls were disruptive, disrespectful, using foul language and one was carrying a gun. The librarian quickly locked the doors, called the police and upon arrival, they determined it was a BB gun. The officer will take it from here.

10. Notices have been posted and published reminding folks to remove all items from the cemeteries prior to the annual clean-up. Many will not respond and a lot of clutter will be removed and disposed of by the town.

11. The Annual Maine Municipal Convention is being held in Augusta on October 4th and 5th. Manager informed the board that he would be attending as in past years and named Chairman Thompson acting manager in his absence.

12. Leadership Maine, an enterprise of Southern Maine Community College has agreed to schedule a class project centered on Guilford and its economic development issues and solutions. They have assembled a team of volunteers from the class including a professor, and a local team is being formed to meet as a group. This effort will survey the public, study the physical attributes and identify developments necessary for economic improvements in our town.

13. Under assessors' issues, five abatements were awarded and one supplement was approved.

14. There being no "Other Business",

15. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk