

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 5, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Thank you notes from these recipients: Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Community Health & Counseling Services, Pine Tree Hospice, Partners for Peace, and LifeFlight, for donations made by the town.
5. Invitation was read from EAAA for board members to visit their programs to observe what they provide in our community.
6. Thank you note from Suzanne Stacy read congratulating the town on the "best fireworks I have ever seen!".
7. Letter from the Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library read detailing changes in personnel. Chelsea Hersey has resigned to work more in her family business. She will be missed. Yvonne Davis has been hired as an assistant and Martha Maines as a substitute assistant. Both ladies will prove to be very capable.
8. After failing to receive an acceptable bid at last month's meeting for the School Street project and ongoing conversations with all bidders, a proposal was received from Haley Construction to rebuild the section in question with a price within the anticipated budget. It was moved and seconded to proceed to contract. Unanimous vote.
9. Proposals for a replacement utility vehicle were discussed and it was agreed to purchase a 2017 Ford F-450 and plow from Guilford Motor Co. following a motion and subsequent second with all in favor.
10. It was also voted to sell the spare lawnmower to our contractor, JDK Enterprises for \$500.00. The 2002 Husqvarna had served us well and we have a newer model that we will be holding onto.
11. It was noted that the school budget validation referendum question squeaked by with a margin of only 7 votes.
12. It was moved and seconded to plan a public hearing to discuss entering into a contract with a claim recovery agency to collect reimbursements for fire

department calls when caused by accidents. A hearing will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the beginning of the regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting.

13. A public hearing to discuss the proposed amendments to appendices A-D of the General Assistance Ordinance was held as advertised. No comments were made and it was voted to accept the proposal in full, effective October 1st.
14. Manager reported that the annual Leaf Peeper Tour for senior citizens was receiving very favorable comments and at least one bus was already full. They will be traveling to the Phillips area to ride on the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad, a narrow gauge system saved from days long past.
15. Manager announced that the Guilford Historical Society was planning its Harvest fair Festival to be held September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event will include a hay bale maze, kids activities, Floyd's Famous Hotdog sales, music by the Red Maple Inn, hayrides, and a cemetery tour. Some parts of the fair will be subject to favorable weather!
16. The 2018 State Proposed Valuation report was presented and the town's valuation has dropped by two percent while the county has seen a rise of that same amount.
17. Engaging our software provider, The Harris Co. to provide the motor vehicle component within the TRIO program was discussed, leading to many questions. Further information is needed and this issue will reappear at a later date.
18. The manager was selected to represent the town at the annual Maine Municipal Association convention in October as a voting delegate.
19. Manager reported that the town has received a dividend check in the amount of \$1247.00 from our Workers Compensation insurance provider, Maine Municipal.
20. Under assessors' issues, one abatement was awarded and three supplements were approved.
21. Tree growth renewal applications were reviewed and accepted.
22. Under "Other Business", Chairman Thompson related that manager Goulette had received the MTCMA (Maine Town, City and County Managers Association) Leadership Award at its annual conference and offered congratulations.
23. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:27 PM.

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