

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 4, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Kent Burdin, and Peter Martell and guests, Tyler Adkins, Ross Fortier and Ralph Zimmerman.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Thank you notes read from Pine Tree Hospice, Community Health and Counseling and Partners for Peace for donations made to their respective causes and programs.
5. Received a letter from Maine Municipal Association's Risk Management Services division including a dividend check for \$2135.00 on our Workers Compensation policy.
6. The board unanimously agreed to extend the moratorium banning retail marijuana sales which will extend it until the annual March meeting where a final ordinance will be presented for a vote.
7. A signed contract was received from Maine Municipal regarding the manager search effort that they will undertake on the board's behalf as the current manager faces retirement in the spring.
8. Manager gave a brief update on the "shared services" meeting with the Town of Sangerville Board of Selectmen. The meeting was held at the Guilford Fire Station and thanks to Facebook messaging and its ability to spread misinformation, about 40 Sangerville folk showed up with pitchfork and torch. They were told that they were at the wrong meeting as this was simply a dialogue between towns to discuss and answer a question: Sangerville had inquired as to what Guilford would charge to contract fire protection services for them. If they wished to speak, vent, or get excited, their own town board meeting was the place to go.
9. Ralph Zimmerman addressed the board with a complaint that the town (manager) placed sidewalk across 14 feet of his driveway, threatened his contractor with a fine, and he wants it fixed or his lawyer will be suing us in court; then abruptly exited the meeting.
10. Tyler Adkins, candidate for the House was allotted a few minutes to address the board. He presented a bit of his platform as an advocate for

increased broad band connectivity, a need for more technical education, and new, fresh faces in Augusta.

11. Manager stated that the assessor's agent, a few board members, a state tax revenue employee and he had met with representatives from Duvaltex and their appraiser, They are seeking a return of \$195,000.00 from 2017 and an abatement for this year of 41% or another \$151,500.00. However, they have yet to file a formal, required, abatement request.
12. The annual Leaf-Peeper Tour for our senior citizens is scheduled for October 4th, a trip to the Rangely area. More details will be forthcoming.
13. The Spirit of America Tribute Foundation will be holding an event at Valley Grange in Guilford on Friday, September 21st to honor all county recipients of the award for the 2018 year.
14. The Guilford Historical Society will hold its annual Harvest Fair on September 22nd.
15. In Assessor's issues, 3 abatements were granted.
16. There being no "Other Business",
17. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Selectmen of Guilford

Clerk