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TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN’S MEETING

November 18, 2003

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:55 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell.

2. Minutes read and approved. Motion by Lander, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

3. Manager gave report on the sale of the Municipal Garage to Gary Griffith.

4. Letters from several senior citizens were read thanking the board for their foliage tour to Rangeley.

5. County Budget report circulated for the board’s review. No comments offered.

6. Moved by Lander, seconded by Burdin to list the former Merrill house for sale with W.G.Blake’s Agency. Board felt their was no conflict of interest on manager’s part as since there is only one agency in Guilford and competitive listing rate will apply.

7. Proposed health insurance rate increases noted and protocol on handling employee plan changes discussed. Suggested by Lander that no action be taken until budget session.

8. Letter from Verizon read regarding availability of DSL high speed internet access. Committee
of Dexter and Burdin to make arrangements for this service as board agreed it would be beneficial in lieu of forthcoming Town web site.

9. Manager read letter from DEP regarding compliance issues at new transfer station site. Richard Thomas has agreed to proceed with deed for same with stipulation that land must be used as indicated or ownership would return to him.

10. Pride Manufacturing is once again looking into consolidation moves. Current rumors and economic development efforts discussed.

11. Manager read letter from SAD #4 Superintendent Stearns regarding their proposed contract for infrastructure assessing according to GASB 34 rules. Manager directed to discuss further with Mr. Stearns.

12. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Dexter to accept Roy Fairbrother’s resignation from the Board of Appeals and to leave position open until March town meeting. Unanimous.

13. Report given by manager on North Main Street sidewalk and explanation on why South Main and High Street projects not completed. Paving contractor ran out of time and had suggested that it is too late in the year to obtain a superior product. Will complete in the spring.

14. Assessor’s meeting set for Tuesday, January 13th, 2004, 7:00pm at the town office.

15. Under Other Business, next selectmen’s meeting set for December 9th (rather than December 2nd.) Determined that December 26th is not a holiday, but manager could decide staffing for the day. Discussed pay for Junior Fire Department and elected not to offer pay, citing that this endeavor was comparable to Boy Scouts and formation of this group was agreed to due to interest level of the young people involved and their parents; not a budgeted item.

16. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.
1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell. Guests attending were Lynn Anderson and Rachael Davis.

2. Minutes read and approved. Motion by Lander, seconded by Martell. Unanimous.

   Rachael distributed folders on web site proposals for comment and questions; well received. Chairman Thompson asked that it include details of assessments and other information applicable to residents as well as those items of interest to visitors. It was suggested that current events be listed as well as future events. Lynn addressed the Gateway sign project and the pertinent grant application. Permission in the form of letters of intent is needed from the landowners involved in order to proceed. There were question from the ladies regarding the town’s interest in the Braeburn Block but more information is needed from our Downtown consultant before continuing.

3. Update given by manager on DSL serviced for the office. We will proceed to change our internet access to them and use them as our web-hosting company.

4. Manager read letter from Moosehead Enterprises, our cable T.V. provider, stating that Spike channel would be dropped and a replacement channel would be named later.

5. After discussion on unused vacation time, it was decided to have employees use it up if at all possible or in a case of extenuating circumstances, roll it one more year.

6. Moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter to set the date of the 2004 budget meeting as February 9th, 2004, with a snow date of February 11th. Unanimous.
7. It was noted that a rabies clinic would be held at the Fire Station on January 17th, and that Michelle would attend to accommodate those needing to license their pets.

8. Equipment concerns detailed by manager; loader needs adjustment in the bucket control lever, sand truck is 15 years old and ready to be replaced, Bryant sander is as good as always, which is no good, and the trackless needs several new wear parts. The compactor truck which is scheduled to be eliminated in the near future also just had spring replacement work done.

9. Under other business, the selectmen endorsed the possibility of relocating the War Memorial to a Water Street location.

10. On motion by Lander and second from Dexter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.