

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
December 4, 2017**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Tom Dwyer, Michael Yergeau and Adam Munguia; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Gauthier called the public session to order at 6:30 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

ENTER IN TO NON-PUBLIC 91:A:3 II. (a) Compensation

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to enter in to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to reconvene at 7:00 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

NON PUBLIC MINUTES

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the non-public minutes of December 4, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 20, 2017 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Munguia to accept the minutes of November 20, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-1. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 11/30/2017 in the amount of \$153,474.48 and \$3,564.99 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 11/30/2017 in the amount \$157,039.47. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 11/30/2017 at \$999,362.09; \$810,289 for the County Taxes and \$189,073.09 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the accounts payable manifest for period ending 11/30/2017 at \$999,362.09. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

DPW

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated the Lamprey Co-op is looking for a place to house their truck. They have offered to pay \$2,000 a year for storage. All the insurance for the truck is in place. Road Supervisor David Reinhold will be able to drive the truck if necessary and reports there is room in the garage for the truck.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the truck storage and gives permission to Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to sign a Memo of Understanding with Lamprey Co-op. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to table the Transfer Station ticket sales discussion. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested permission for Fire Chief Don DeAngelis that would allow him to attend a leadership class in Maryland if chosen. The traveling and lodging will be paid, but the town would be responsible for paid leave compensation. Selectman Jordan explained it is an honor to be asked to attend. This program is held for a week in Maryland.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to allow Fire Chief Don DeAngelis to attend the leadership class if chosen. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded the Board that Engine 3 was going to be disposed of by auction. Unfortunately the deadline was missed and the truck was never sold. Meanwhile Selectman Jordan met the gentleman, Mr. Moody that helped build Engine 3. Mr. Moody stated he would be interested in purchasing the truck. Mr. Dodge suggested a sealed bid process instead of waiting for the fall to send the truck to auction.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to sell Engine 3 by a sealed bid process, minimum bid of \$500, 2 week bid period and let the Town Hall open and award the bid. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 5-0.

VETERANS CREDIT

Veteran Credits for Kerri Hinkle at map and lot 029-067 and Ross Morrison at map and lot 027-078 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Munguia to approve the Veteran Credits for Kerri Hinkle at map and lot 029-067 and Ross Morrison at map and lot 027-078. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

7:15 JOE CORONATI – W&S EXTENSION

Joe Coronati from Jones and Beach explained the proposed W&S Extension on Route 27. There are 3 property owners willing to pay for the utilities to reach properties on Ladd's Lane and Route 27. Mr. Coronati had informational handouts with maps which were reviewed. Mr. Coronati is meeting with the Water and Sewer Commissioners this week. He will be attending another BOS meeting with more information after that meeting as he will need the Board's permission to disturb Jannell Court.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded resident's that the Town Hall will be closed at noon on Friday. The staff will be having the annual Christmas Party that is paid for out of their own pockets.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained the town hall staff created a "mitten tree" in the Town Hall entrance. Mittens, hats, scarves and socks will decorate the tree and will be donated to the Liberty House in Manchester for Homeless Veteran's. The public is invited to help decorate the tree.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said there is a MRI contract quote to discuss at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked the Board if the race track bylaws to serve malted beverages should be a petition article or a warrant article. Mr. Dodge will contact Joe Lombardo from New England Dragway and explain he needs a petition article for January.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the warrant articles need to be reviewed at the meeting on the 18th. He will remove the warrant article regarding a town manager as there doesn't seem to be any interest.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge is hosting a meeting tomorrow with the Town of Raymond regarding property on Ham Road. The property is in both Raymond and Epping. The town line was moved years ago and a decision on how to move forward to solve this issue will be discussed. Selectman Dwyer will be attending.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge will be holding a meeting to discuss LED lighting throughout the town that will reduce cost.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge met with the Board of Selectman and Liberty Utilities to discuss a natural gas line on Route 101 through Epping. Liberty Utilities will be releasing a press release soon.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Munguia

Selectman Munguia congratulated Chief DeAngelis for being invited to the leadership training.

Selectman Munguia thanked the town hall staff for organizing the "mitten tree" for the Veteran's.

Selectman Yergeau

No report

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan commented on the great newspaper article recently regarding the Transfer Station. The purpose of the security cameras are to oversee day to day work schedules and for security of the equipment on site.

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer has concerns regarding natural gas coming to Epping and the need to have policies in place before that happens.

Selectman Dwyer is hoping the Road Supervisor David Reinhold could replace the curbing at the new intersections with the curbing edge being at 45 degree angle. What would the cost be?

Selectman Gauthier

Chairman Gauthier asked if the center line painting is finished for the year. The newer roads have dark pavement and should be done.

Chairman Gauthier congratulated Epping resident Eric Maher for making it onto the show Jeopardy.

Chairman Gauthier would like the holiday hours posted at the Transfer Station. They will be closed on December 24th for the day.

Chairman Gauthier thanked Nichol Bizarro and the Recreation Department for the Christmas decorations and the Christmas Party yesterday.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Adam Munguia, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Michael Yergeau, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Date _____