

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
April 22, 2019**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Adam Munguia; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger and Mike Yergeau; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard; Selectmen Joe Trombley was excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Munguia called the public session to order at 6:15 pm at the Epping Town Hall.

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

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to enter in to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Munguia 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 seal the non-public minutes from April 22, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Munguia read the public hearing notice along with the abutter's attendance.

Joe Coronati from Jones and Beach Engineers described the Ladd's Lane intersection proposed changes. The westerly entrance of Ladd's Lane will be reconfigured with route 27. The entrance will be moving east (toward Exeter) along Route 27 approximately 240 feet. The new location will improve the visibility of those exiting Ladd's Lane onto Route 27. The plan has been approved by the Planning Board. If this plan meets with the board's approval there will be a NHDOT and NHDES permit submitted for signatures. The DOT needs to be notified as they will need to review the plan for safety reasons. DES needs to be notified as wet lands will be disturbed for a drainage swale due to a culvert.

Town Planner Brittany Howard explained with the proposed town houses and additional rental units the safety impact needs to be addressed. When plans are before the Planning Board studies of offsite improvements need to be considered. The Town of Epping owns the piece of property that the intersection will be built on. The Road Supervisor David Reinhold has approved the proposed changes and has a snow removal design.

The Public Hearing was opened to the public. Tom Weisensee from 14 Ladd's Lane lives directly across from the new intersection. He commented there has never been a problem with the present intersection for 50 years and he doesn't think it's necessary. His concerns include the intersection being big enough for a fire truck, the water run off due to the 2 ft. slope off of Route 27, with the old intersection being blocked off there will be more snow melt and drainage issues, 2 huge pine trees will have to come down and his home will be devalued from the lights swinging into his property.

Mr. Coronati explained there will be a culvert under the road and there already is a roadside ditch that runs into a stream. This is the best location for site distance. The DOT won't take the trees or vehicle lights into consideration. Their priority is safety issues.

Dennis Brown from 28 Ladd's Lane thinks it's time to improve the safety on Ladd's Lane due to vehicles speeding. There will be more traffic with more development.

Mr. Weisensee asked the Board of Selectmen to consider postponing the intersection reconstruction for a year to see what happens with the gas and water lines.

Chairman Munguia closed the Public Hearing. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the relocation of the intersection on Ladd's Lane and move forward with the NHDOT and NHDES permits. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE

Purchase Order #188 to Tighe & Bond Engineers for professional engineering regarding dry hydrants in the amount of \$2,776.25 was submitted for approval. Chief DeAngelis mentioned he is working on a plan to put a cistern on the end of Prescott and Blake Road.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order #188 to Tighe & Bond Engineers for professional engineering regarding dry hydrants in the amount of \$2,776.25. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Belanger offered to pay for a Fire Explorer to attend the explorer academy.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 8, 2019 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval. Selectman Belanger requested to amend the non-public portion of the minutes to read: *Selectman Belanger had joined the meeting via telephone arriving in person at a later time.*

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2019 Selectmen's meeting with the suggested amendment. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.

PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/18/2019 in the amount of \$118,438.80 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/18/2019 in the amount of \$118,438.80. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 4/18/2019 at \$1,162,120.70; \$1,000,000 is for the school and \$162,120.70 is for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the accounts payable manifest for period ending 4/18/2019 at \$1,162,120.70. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Elderly Exemption for Carl and Shirley West, map and lot 027-118 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to deny the Elderly Exemption per Scott Marsh for Carl and Shirley West, map and lot 027 due to the income exceeding the town's limit. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

Elderly Exemption for David and Virginia Fithian, map and lot 023-039-017-D was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Elderly Exemption for David and Virginia Fithian, map and lot 023-039-017-D. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

PEDDLERS PERMIT

Peddlers Permit to Jeffrey LeDuc, 427 Calef Highway, map and lot 016-047 to set up a hot dog cart on various days for from 11 AM – 3PM and 4 PM – 7 PM, April through October was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Peddlers Permit to Jeffrey LeDuc, 427 Calef Highway, map and lot 016-047 to set up a hot dog cart on various days for from 11 AM – 3PM and 4 PM – 7 PM, April through October. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

LUCT

Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lot 030-080 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lot 030-080. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lot 016-061-001 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lot 016-061-001. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0

VETERANS CREDIT

Veterans Credits for Gerald Comfort at map and lot 021-006-003, Bonnie Roberts at map and lot 036-015-001-006, Daniel Bennis at map and lot 023-039-005-D, Michael Browning at map and lot 029-201, Richard Allyson at map and lot 023-169 and Barry Newcomb at map and lot 014-014-022 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to approve the Veterans Credits for Gerald Comfort at map and lot 021-006-003, Bonnie Roberts at map and lot 036-015-001-006, Daniel Bennis at map and lot 023-039-005-D, Michael Browning at map and lot 029-201, Richard Allyson at map and lot 023-169 and Barry Newcomb at map and lot 014-014-022. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

RE-APPOINTMENT

Re-Appointment for Todd Hathaway as a Conservation Commission member for a 3 year term was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the re-appointment for Todd Hathaway as a Conservation Commission member for a 3 year term. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

Re-Appointment for Jeannette Hauschel as a Recreation Commission member for a 3 year term was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the re-appointment for Jeannette Hauschel as a Recreation Commission member for a 3 year term. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

RENTAL OF TOWN FACILITES

Rental of the town hall meeting room by Harvey Mitchell Library on July 12, 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM to hold a Children’s Juggling Show was submitted for approval. There is a request to waive the rental fees.

Motion by Chairman Munguia to approve the rental of the town hall meeting room by Harvey Mitchell Library on July 12, 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM to hold a children’s juggling show with the rental fees waive. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

INTENT TO CUT

Intent to Cut for Southeast Land Trust at map and lot 011-013 was submitted for approval. This request was made last year but the property was not cut.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Intent to Cut for Southeast Land Trust at map and lot 011-013. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

YIELD TAX

Timber Tax Levy for Tibor Toth, map and lot 028-021 in the amount of \$91.45 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Timber Tax Levy for Tibor Toth, map and lot 028-021 in the amount of \$91.45. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested the Board of Selectmen to approve and sign the State Revolving Fund Loan application for the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve and sign the State Revolving Fund Loan application for the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the Fishing Derby arranged by the Knights of Columbus be on May 4th at the Conservation Pond on Towle Road from 8 AM – 10 AM.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge publicized the town wide clean up on May 3, 4 & 5th. There are garbage bags, gloves and town maps at the Town Hall and Town Library. Help beautify Epping.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained the 8th Annual Raid Bicycle Ride will take place through Epping on June 2nd.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge clarified the School Board taped meeting that was held at the Middle School Gym on Thursday has had a malfunction. There is no live feed set up in the gym so the ETV personnel was taping the program to be seen at a later date. The recording will not play. The program has been brought to Concord hoping the recording can be restored. This has nothing to do with human error but with a mechanical malfunction.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Belanger

No Report

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau announced NHDOT will be at the May 6th meeting to discuss Route 125 improvements.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan thanked the Boy Scout troop members for coming to the meeting and learning about town government.

Selectman Munguia

Selectman Munguia took responsibility for the technical difficulties during the ETV taping of the School Board meeting. The Board of Selectmen oversees ETV and “owns the error”.

Joe Trombley

Excused

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Lecuyer and Christopher Sullivan from Troup #136 thanked the Board of Selectmen for explaining the terms and context during the meeting. They are working towards their Citizenship and Community merit badge that will in turn be used towards their Eagle Rank.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge mentioned the canoe race is this Saturday, hosted by the Lions Club.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Belanger to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Adam Munguia, Chairman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Cody Belanger, Selectman

Date 5/06/2019