

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**July 7, 2014**



**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen James P. McGeough, Tom Dwyer, Bob Jordan, and Mike Yergeau; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**MINUTES**

Minutes from June 23, 2014 were submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of June 23, 2014. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.**

**SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST**

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 7/3/2014 in the amount of \$103,496.82 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 7/3/2014 in the amount of \$103,496.82 Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.**

**SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST**

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 7/3/2014 for \$906,611.81; \$750,000 for the School and \$156,611.81 for the town was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 7/3/2014 for \$906,611.81. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.**

**BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Purchase Orders to Wolcott Construction, Inc. to grind and grade 2,970 square yards of Coffin Road in the amount of \$5,500 and to pave and repair various roads in the amount of \$180,000 were submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase orders to Wolcott Construction, Inc. to grind and grade 2,970 square yards of Coffin Road in the amount of \$5,500 and to pave and repair various roads in the amount of \$180,000. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.**

Road Supervisor David Reinhold requested more money in the road 2015 budget as we have 30 miles of road now with more roads to be accepted to the town soon. Selectmen McGeough reported that the budgets will be sent out to department heads in September and encouraged Mr. Reinhold to discuss the road budget increase further.

Selectman Jordan would like to see a sign on Towle Road explaining that it is not a through road. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Reinhold would place a Dead End sign on Towle Road.

## **COMSTAR**

Comstar write offs for residents for a total of \$13,656.88 and non-residents for \$1,152.18 along with transfers to collections for non-residents for a total of \$14,740.15 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Comstar write offs for residents for a total of \$13,656.88 and non-residents for \$1,152.18 along with transfers to collections for non-residents for a total of \$14,740.15. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **FIRE**

Request for approval to hire Adam Parent as a part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$7.25 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve hiring Adam Parent as a Firefighter/EMT at \$7.25 an hour pending on the background check . Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **7:15 APPOINTMENT**

Evan Hurley and John Ramsey from the Outdoor Living Investments LLC introduced the renewable energy project that is being considered at Brewitt's property on Pleasant Street. The purpose of this meeting is informational only. A packet was passed out covering the benefits to the town, purpose, mission, solar thermal energy, battery storage and vertical wind technologies. The primary focus regarding this project is locally produced and owned power. The meters will be leased to those who subscribe to the system. Outdoor Living Investments LLC will meet all requirements by the state and PSNH. The project is built and used in phases. Epping would be the first town in New Hampshire to be involved in the development of a multi-technology renewable base that produces and consumes locally generated power. Conversation continued and there will be more meetings to answer any questions.

## **TOWN HALL PROJECT**

Purchase Orders for Dennis Gagnon to build an ETV control room, conference room and balcony closure in the amount of \$12,775, electrical and lighting in the auditorium and added rooms with ceiling fans in the main room in the amount of \$5,560 and electrical needs along with a new electrical panel in the amount of \$2,600 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase orders for Dennis Gagnon to build an ETV control room, conference room and balcony closure in the amount of \$12,775, electrical and lighting in the auditorium and added rooms with ceiling fans in the main room in the amount of \$5,560 and electrical needs along with a new electrical panel in the amount of \$2,600. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge received a letter from the police union to start negotiations. Chairman Gauthier and Selectman Jordan will be on the negotiating team.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that the abatement for \$2,320.56 Map and Lot 023-141-001 is an agreement with the property owner regarding the removal of the mobile home as Cecil Garrod has passed away.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the abatement for \$2,320.56 Map and Lot 023-141-001 is an agreement with the property owner regarding the removal of the mobile home as Cecil Garrod has passed away. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge described the motion that Attorney Rattigan would like made regarding the bond and closing date for Water and Sewer.

**Motion by Selectman Dywer; “Town Administrator Gregory Dodge shall be authorized to sign on the Selectmen’s behalf all documents that the Selectmen or the Town are required to sign at the closing on the water well land purchase, and to authorize the town administrator to sign a Water Capacity & Allocation Agreement on the Selectmen’s and Town’s behalf. The principal terms of this Allocation Agreement include a reservation in favor of the Seller or its successors and assigns of 11,600 gpd of water rights from the existing water system for use on Seller’s property, and for which no connection charge or hookup fee shall be paid by the Seller for the exercise of these rights. There is also a separate 25,000 gpd water capacity reservation that becomes available to the Seller or its successors and assigns for use on the Seller’s Epping Crossing property when the new well is integrated into the Town’s water system and is operational, and for which a water connection charge/hookup fee shall be paid by the Seller. This Agreement shall survive the closing and will continue until the rights are utilized.” Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.**

## INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

### Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough is still concerned regarding the budget. Although the town is at 46% spent budget instead of 50%, he is worried about overtime usage. The Budget Committee does not meet in July and he would like to see a wish list from departments in August. Chairman Gauthier would like to see an estimated figure that would increase the tax rate based on everything that passed last March from the Finance Director for the first meeting in August. Selectman McGeough wants to get the budget discussion started.

### **Selectman Yergeau**

Selectman Yergeau is concerned with Road Supervisor's David Reinhold's budget for next year. The loader is not worth fixing and the backhoe at this point is cheaper to fix but not for long.

### **Selectman Jordan**

Selectman Jordan described the house fire in Epping during a recent storm. All the departments in the surrounding towns were shorthanded due to the holiday weekend. The fire was a four alarm fire with Brentwood, Candia, Raymond and Lee responding. The important thing was that no one was injured or hurt.

### **Selectman Dwyer**

Selectman Dwyer inquired about the Preservation Easement Application, he thought that was going to be discussed tonight. The public hearing for the easement will be on the July 21<sup>st</sup>. The applicants will be here. The assessor offered to come but he doesn't really have any more information than what has already given the Selectmen.

### **Selectman Gauthier**

Selectman Gauthier stated that the Boston Cane was given out to the 2 oldest town residents last week. The two recipients were born 10-12 days apart. Congratulations to Charlotte Coffin and Dan Harvey. If anyone see's Carol Clapp, please ask her about her father's plane crash story, it so typical of Dan.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard  
Executive Secretary**

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**Thomas Gauthier, Chairman**

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**Tom Dwyer, Selectman**

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**Bob Jordan, Selectman**

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**Mike Yergeau, Selectman**

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**James P. McGeough**

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