

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

June 9, 2014



ATTENDANCE

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

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 May 27, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of May 27, 2014. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 6/5/2014 in the amount of \$95,646.40 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 6/5/2014 in the amount of \$95,646.40 Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 6/6/2014 for \$608,896.96; \$444,573 for the School and \$164,323.96 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 6/6/2014 for \$608,896.96. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

RENTAL OF TOWN FACILITIES

Rental of Town Facilities for the Epping Historical Society to use the upstairs on June 26, 2014 to celebrate the Boston Post Cane recipients from 6PM – 8PM was submitted for approval.

Chairman Gauthier mentioned that the floor is being finished upstairs; downstairs might have to be used.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Rental of Town Facilities for the Epping Historical Society to use the upstairs or downstairs on June 26, 2014 to celebrate the Boston Post Cane recipients from 6PM – 8PM without a charge. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT

Joy True explained the history of the Boston Cane before announcing the 2 recipients. This is the first time that the Historical Society has given out 2 Boston Canes for the oldest citizen. As one of the recipients is only 16 days older than the other it is only fair to honor both Charlotte Coffin and Daniel Harvey.

CAI TECHNOLOGIES

CAI Proposal and Contract for the 2015 map and GIS Maintenance Services was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the CAI Proposal and Contract for the 2015 map and GIS Maintenance Services. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

275 BIRTHDAY BASH

Purchase Order to High Flying Flag Company for 50 Town of Epping Flags designed for the 275th Birthday Bash Committee that will be for sale as a fundraiser in the amount of \$1,615 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to accept the purchase order to High Flying Flag Company for 50 Town of Epping Flags designed for 275th Birthday Bash Committee that will be for sale as a fundraiser in the amount of \$1,615. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Land Use Change Tax to Prescott Orchards Land Development for Map and Lot 014-014-052 in the amount of \$7,000 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the Land Use Change Tax to Prescott Orchards Land Development for Map and Lot 014-014-052 in the amount of \$7,000. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

Land Use Change Tax to Thomas and Penney Weaver, 61 Dearborn Road for Map and Lot 041-021-002 in the amount of \$1,500 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the Land Use Change Tax to Thomas and Penney Weaver, 61 Dearborn Road for Map and Lot 041-021-002 in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENT

Chairman Gauthier explained the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application and that a Public Hearing needs to be held.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application at the June 23, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

ABATEMENT

Abatement for Dorothy Thorp, 66 Leddy Drive, Map and Lot 036-015-001-025 in the amount of \$140.77 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Abatement for Dorothy Thorp, 66 Leddy Drive, Map and Lot 036-015-001-025 in the amount of \$140.77. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

RECREATION

Request to rehire Manon Kotkowski as Summer Camp Director at \$16.00 an hour, Suzanne Cohoon as assistance Summer Camp Director at \$13.50 an hour, Erin Quinn as Summer Camp Coordinator at \$11.00 an hour, Kristin Boomhower at \$10.50 an hour, Rebekah Weaver as at \$10.50 an hour, Abby McPhee at \$10.00 an hour, Jennifer Maguire at \$10.00 an hour, Lorena Mancini at \$10.00 an hour, Margaret Weaver at \$9.00, Frank Stanley at \$9.00 an hour, James Stanley at \$8.00 an hour as Junior Staff for summer camp was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the request for rehires Manon Kotkowski as Summer Camp Director at \$16.00 an hour, Suzanne Cohoon as assistance Summer Camp Director at \$13.50 an hour, Erin Quinn as Summer Camp Coordinator at \$11.00 an hour, Kristin Boomhower at \$10.50 an hour, Rebekah Weaver as at \$10.50 an hour, Abby McPhee at \$10.00 an hour, Jennifer Maguire at \$10.00 an hour, Lorena Mancini at \$10.00 an hour, Margaret Weaver at \$9.00, Frank Stanley at \$9.00 an hour, James Stanley at \$8.00 an hour as Junior Staff for summer camp. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro explained that the L-Chip grant is due on June 27th. At the next meeting on June 23rd the grant will need to be accepted if the Board agrees with the information. The narrative portion of the grant has been finalized and the budget portion is not completed yet. Mrs. Bizzaro clarified that an easement is not applicable regarding this grant. The stewardship is a five year agreement that is written by the Town of Epping acknowledging that we will maintain the building. The grant request is for \$10,000 which is the minimum. If the board has any concerns, please e-mail Nicole within the next 2 weeks so she can respond before the meeting. The grant is awarded in late November or early December. Funding will come through in the middle of December.

FIRE

Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Chapman explained the Race Track Schedule for New England Dragway regarding June 19-22. Epping and Brentwood Fire and Police Departments met and completed a timetable including prevention detail, command briefing and use of fire vehicles. The Epping Forestry Truck will be available at the track to be used as needed with 2 personnel on the truck. The time spent covering this event is split with Brentwood. NE Dragway has their own truck to cover the 24 hour NHRA rule.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to use the forestry truck at New England Dragway during the June 19-22 event. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - NEW ENGLAND DRAGWAY

Chairman Gauthier opened the Public Hearing for discussion. There were no abutters present for Public Hearing.

Joe Lombardo from the New England Dragway introduced Mr. Brenden McNamarra from the Hampton Rotary that will run the Beer Tent during the June 19-22 event. He explained his experience running the beer tent during the Seafood Festival for the past 10 years along with other events that he has worked at. Mr. McNamarra described the size of the tent, placement of Police and staff at the entrance and exits, ID checks, stamped hands, security and the hours of service. As this is a family event, only children of 12 are allowed in the tent with the parents. Food is allowed to be brought in and only 2 beers are served at one time. The tent is allowed to be 80% full which at that time the entrance is shut down. The Liquor Commission requires a fire inspection and there will be emergency lighting. Discussion continued.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve having a beer tent at the New England Dragway event June 19-22. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman McGeough would like to see a copy of the insurance binder before the event. Selectman McGeough asked Mr. Lombardo if New England Dragway would like to fund a new "Welcome to Epping" sign as the New England Dragway abuts the border of Epping. Mr. Lombardo is planning an Epping Day for the 275th Birthday celebration as well as he has committed \$1,000 from this event to the Committee. Mr. Lombardo has also agreed to sponsor a new sign.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Excused.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough was very pleased with the news that New England Dragway agreed to support a "Welcome to Epping" sign. There are 3 more entrances to Epping if anyone is interested in sponsoring a sign.

Selectman McGeough announced that the Budget Committee is hosting a combined Budget Committee meeting with the School Board and Selectmen on June 18th. The Budget Committee doesn't meet in July. When they come back in August he would like a list of concerns from the Board of Selectmen for the

upcoming budget season. Selectman McGeough would like to review the dump issues with the abused permits. The June 18th meeting needs to be posted.

Selectman Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer commended the DPW and the road crew for the wonderful job on the sidewalks. He has seen them being used and they look great. Selectman Dwyer reminded the town residents that there will be night paving on Route 125 this July.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier would like to know if there is a plan in place for the sidewalk to McDonalds.

Selectman Gauthier saw that there was a can at the dump that the bottom was rotted out. He would like this looked into to find the reason why and what happened.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan attended a joint meeting on Thursday with the NH DOT, Epping and Brentwood Police and Fire Department, NE Dragway personnel, Joe Bodge, and Mr. St Jeans regarding parking. There will be "NO" parking on Route 27 from Route 125 to the Dragway. The organization on this event has been very pro-active. A lot of information is being used and or changed from last year's event. There will be plenty of signage for parking, directions, and port potties and shuttles will be available.

AUDIENCE

Sharon Gauthier from 7 Acre Street explained her frustration with Wendy's Restaurant that is right behind her property. The restaurant is opened until 1AM but the loading and unloading is going on from 1:30 – 4:30 AM waking her up. The steel racks are banging and making a lot of noise. When Wendy's first opened the Board of Selectmen told her to call the police if she has any noise issues. When she called the police, the police told her to talk to the Board of Selectmen. After she told them she was told to call the police, Mrs. Gauthier went over to Wendy's to wait for the police. She waited for a ½ hour and no one came. Discussion continued including Selectmen Dwyer pointing Mrs. Gauthier to the Planning Board.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to direct the Planner and Code Enforcer Brittany Howard to look into the restrictions and constraints that Wendy's have on their site plan. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Gauthier will be notified with a report.

Walter Manter reported that the Police deal with important issues and are sometimes busy.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough

Date _____