

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
September 29, 2014**



ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 6:15 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

ADJOURN TO NON-PUBLIC 91:A:3 II. (a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Personnel; reputation (e) legal

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to adjourn to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

RECONVENE

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from September 22, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of September 22, 2014. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 9/25/2014 in the amount of \$90,167.21 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 9/25/2014 in the amount of \$90,167.21 Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 09/25/2014 at \$172,545.88; \$58,251.83 for Wolcott Paving and \$114,294.05 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 09/25/2014 at \$172,545.88. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS

Purchase Order to Hartman Enterprises for grinding asphalt in the amount of \$12,450 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Hartman Enterprises for grinding asphalt in the amount of \$12,450 submitted for approval. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE

Purchase Order to All Traffic Solutions for a radar and message sign in the amount of \$15,495 submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to All Traffic Solutions for a radar and message sign in the amount of \$15,495 using police impact fees. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Gauthier recommended that the town highway vehicles tow the sign until the police can fix their vehicle. No one's personal vehicle should be used. The sign will be stored at the Police Station.

Police Chief Michael Wallace reported that there have been break-ins along Route 125 from Rochester through Epping. Please report anything suspicious and lock your car doors.

FIRE

Fire Chief Don DeAngelis requested permission to spend money from the training budget on training 8-10 employees to drive the Fire Trucks. It has come to Chief DeAngelis attention that personnel need a CDL license so they can receive a learning permit. It will cost \$70.00 for each person. This would be for a one time CDL license and permit.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to approve the use of money in the training budget to send 8-10 employees for a CDL license so they can receive a learning permit to drive the fire trucks. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0.

7:15 WATSON ACADEMY

Carol Clapp, Chairman of the "Friends of Watson Academy" Committee explained the 2014 Seven to Save Nomination Form. This program focuses attention to historic properties that are threatened by neglect, deterioration, insufficient funds and etc. through the Preservation Alliance. The Committee is also waiting for the LCHIP announcement in November.

Mrs. Clapp read a list of names of Epping residents that support the Committee along with positive comments that were gathered during the Memorial Day Parade. There were 30 responses, some of which that were read; please put money back into the budget to fix Watson Academy, the building is beautiful, architectural historical, monument to the past, programs displaced need to find a home, loss for future generation, unique & special, lasted through the depression, World War I + II and lasted through several storms.

Chairman Gauthier announced that there is money being put back into the budget for the Watson Academy repair line.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened with Chairman Gauthier reading the legal notice. The residents present introduced themselves; Susan Turlo, Robert and Jean Reinhold, Richard Smith Jr., Jane Burley, Barbara Helmstetter, Lois Straw, Diane and Anthony Johnson and Jerry Langdon.

State Liaison for 911 Hank Letourneau explained the reason and process of road name changes in Epping. North River Road is the last of the large roads that need to be changed. Mr. Letourneau has been working with Joy True from the Historical Society to choose names that represents this part of town. There are 4 sections of North River Road that would be changed. The first section from the south traveling north off of Route 125 on the right would be Burley Road. Crossing Route 125 would be Dow Farm Road. Crossing Route 125 again would be Dimond Hill Road. Across the North River would be named Reinhold Lane with a private drive named Bobs Lane. Mr. Langdon disagrees with the necessity of the name change. He works throughout southern NH and ME and his GPS finds everywhere he needs to go. This road name change won't solve problems but will add to them. Diane Johnson has had family in this area for a long time and they have always lived on North River. This is the only property that is actually on the North River and she doesn't appreciate having to change the road name. Richard Smith explained that living on North River Road is part of his identity. When he opens his door the river is the first thing he sees. It doesn't make sense to change the road name that is on the river. Mrs. Reinhold agrees with the previous comments. She has lived on the North River for 50 years. The river is a land mark and it doesn't seem right to change the name of the road.

Chairman Gauthier clarified the houses that would be on Dimond Hill Road. Chairman Gauthier also commented that the road signs for the private drive would be purchased by the town of Epping. Mr. Letourneau remarked that other towns do not have these meetings and change the road names as the town will hold the liability if there is a problem.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to change the road names as discussed and presented by State Liaison for 911 Hank Letourneau for November 14, 2014. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion failed 1-2. Selectman Dwyer and Yergeau voting nay.

RECREATION

Appointment for Sandra Goodspeed to the Recreation Commission for a 3 year term was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Appointment for Sandra Goodspeed to the Recreation Commission for a 3 year term. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

MS-1

MS-1 summary inventory of valuation form for the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the MS-1 summary inventory of valuation to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

7:45 FORESTRY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Jerry Langdon explained the Timber Harvest and Sale Agreements for George H. Falls Woods and John Hoar Forest that was submitted for approval. Charles Moreno clarified that a harvest cycle of 12-15 years should be done for these properties. The Conservation Committee and the Water and Sewer Department have been notified. An intent to cut as the land owner will need to be filled with an abatement form for the timber cut.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Timber Harvest and Sale Agreements for George H. Falls Woods and John Hoar Forest. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded the board that there will be a budget review next Monday at 7 PM.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reported that there is a Police Contract meeting on Thursday at 6PM.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that the Board of Selectmen approved an addition to the police budget for the Administrative Assistant's promotion to Executive Assistant effective April 1, 2015.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Dwyer

No Report

Selectman McGeough

Excused

Selectman Yergeau

No report

Selectman Jordan

Excused

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier explained that 2 bids came in for the revaluation of the town. They need to be reviewed before a decision can be made.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Date _____