

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
April 13, 2015**



ATTENDANCE

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

Chairman Gauthier read a statement regarding the tragic loss of Ryan O'Day.

MINUTES

Minutes from March 30, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of March 30, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/9/2015 in the amount of \$93,568.09 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/9/2015 in the amount of \$93,568.09. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 4/10/2015 at \$91,993.34 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 4/10/2015 at \$91,993.34. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

FIRE

Chairman Tom Gauthier explained that the Fire Chief's salary adjustment was overlooked during the last meeting.

**Motion by Chairman Tom Gauthier to increase the Fire Chief's salary 3% effective April 1st.
Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.**

RECREATION

Appointment of Emily A. Wangler to the Recreation Commission was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Yergeau to appoint Emily A. Wangler to the Recreation Commission.
Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.**

Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro discussed a town wide clean-up day. Earth Day is April 22nd but that would be too soon. She would like to form a committee to pick a weekend in May. Mrs. Bizzaro has already spoken to Public Works for assistance with picking up the trash bags along the roads. Public Works has also pointed out on the map what roads need the most clean up on. There is a grant called "litter free NH" that gives out free trash bags; she will be trying to get those bags. Chairman Tom Gauthier doesn't think a committee is necessary. Just pick a day and have residents call you to volunteer.

Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro pointed out one more regulation regarding the scholarship program; there will be a limit that one scholarship per family can receive up to \$168 maximum per child.

Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro explained a new program that partners with EYAA. EYAA would like to hold a lacrosse clinic. Epping Recreation has the supplies and will help with registrations. The clinic will be May 9th – 30th under 6, boys and girls over six will have a 5 week clinic and this will be held at the tennis courts. The staff will be from the EYAA and will be under town insurance. A soccer clinic will be held indoor using the gym for 5 weeks.

The Tennis Court construction will be complete by the end of May. Wallace Fence will be straightening the polls, replacing some fencing with rubberized fencing and will work around the schools schedule.

TC/TX

Purchase Order to Sanders Searches LLC for deeding in the amount of \$2,055.67 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order Sanders Searches LLC for deeding in the amount of \$2,055.67. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Land Use Change Tax for property on Apple Way, Map and Lot 014-014-070 in the amount of \$7,000 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Land Use Change Tax for property on Apple Way, Map and Lot 014-014-070 in the amount of \$7,000. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Elderly Exemptions for Louis Jones at Map and Lot 023-039-010C and Bernard Horrocks at Map and Lot 023-039-029-A both for \$120,000 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Elderly Exemptions for Louis Jones at Map and Lot 023-039-010C and Bernard Horrocks at Map and Lot 023-039-029-A both for \$120,000. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Elderly Exemptions for Doyle Howard Sloan at Map and Lot 023-039-001-C was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the recommendation to remove the Elderly Exemptions for Doyle Howard Sloan at Map and Lot 023-039-001-C. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Veteran's Credits for Paul Sullivan at 83 Old Nottingham Road, Map and Lot 010-056, Robert Blanchette at 12 Saddlebrook Lane, Map and Lot 020-026-018 and Kenneth Hall at 290 Calef Highway C-5, Map and Lot 023-039-005-C was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Veteran's Credits for Paul Sullivan at 83 Old Nottingham Road, Map and Lot 010-056, Robert Blanchette at 12 Saddlebrook Lane, Map and Lot 020-026-018 and Kenneth Hall at 290 Calef Highway C-5, Map and Lot 023-039-005-C. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

CARTOGRAPHIC PROPOSAL

2016 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal from Cartographic Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,950 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the 2016 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal from Cartographic Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,950. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

ABATEMENTS

Abatement for Christopher and Chelsea Toomire at 104 Towle Road, Map and Lot 004-007 in the amount of \$42.01 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the abatement for Christopher and Chelsea Toomire at 104 Towle Road, Map and Lot 004-007 in the amount of \$42.01. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatement for Cloutier Pine and Pond Park for property at Map and Lot 023-039-008-B in the amount of \$2,304.99 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to approve the abatement for Cloutier Pine and Pond Park for property at Map and Lot 023-039-008-B in the amount of \$2,304.99. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

TIMBER TAX

Timber Tax to Northrup Family Trust for property off of Calef Highway, Map and Lot 037-013 in the amount of \$1,616.98 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Timber Tax to Northrup Family Trust for property off of Calef Highway, Map and Lot 037-013 in the amount of \$1,616.98. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

EARNED TIME

Chairman Gauthier explained that the Police Union negotiated the transition to earned time, no sick time.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to use the same earned time proposal for the town employees effective May 1st. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that the town had their first General Assistance appeal in 17 years. The Appeal Office asked to see the guidelines that we use which are the State of New Hampshire guidelines. The approval of the state guidelines is for procedure purposes.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adopt the State of New Hampshire guidelines as the towns General Assistance guidelines. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

RENTAL OF TOWN FACILITIES

Rental of Town Facilities for the Greater Epping Republican Committee on April 26, 2 PM – 5 PM for 100 people in the amount of \$45.00 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Rental of Town Facilities for the Greater Epping Republican Committee on April 26, 2 PM – 5 PM for 100 people in the amount of \$45.00. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested permission for Star Speedway to have a practice session on April 25th. Their town license has not been approved yet, but no tickets will be sold and the spectators will not be allowed in.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to allow Star Speedway to have one practice session on the 25th as long as no tickets will be sold and no spectators will be attending. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Excused

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau had a semi meeting regarding the DAR Park. Letters will be sent to the Police and Fire Explorers and the Boy Scouts. Sunday, May 31st will be the work day. Help is needed to pick up the bricks. The bricks will be stored to be laid back down another day. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that Eunice Miller from the Garden Club, Public Works Director Dennis Koch and Selectman McGeough attended the meeting. The big tree at the park will not be able to be saved. It would cost \$3,000 to move the tree to the Fire Department. The granite posts are all engraved and are ready to be set. Selectman Jordan asked who will oversee this project. Mr. Dodge replied that the Conservation Committee has given control of this job over to the Selectmen's office. A "go fund page" will be created to raise money for this project.

Selectman Jordan

No report

Selectman Dwyer

Excused

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier explained that the security cameras have been installed in the town hall. He suggested having one installed at the back of the building and in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge will get a price for 2 more cameras and how much it would be to patch into the Police Department.

Selectman Gauthier asked to post the meeting on Thursday at 6:30 before the School Board meeting.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to enter into non-public 91-A:3 II. (a)(b)(c)(d) Personnel; Legal. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Following the non-public meeting a Motion was made by Selectman Jordan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____