

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
April 27, 2015**



ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 6:30 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 5-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

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 April 13, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to accept the minutes of April 13, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0-2. Selectmen McGeough and Dwyer abstained due to being absent.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/23/2015 in the amount of \$106,043.42 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 4/23/2015 in the amount of \$106,043.42. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 4/24/2015 at \$961,519.21; \$750,000 for the school, \$65,000 for the Trustees of the Trust Funds and \$146,519.21 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 4/24/2015 at \$961,519.21. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to seal the Non-Public minutes from the meeting on 4/27/21015. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS

Purchase Order to Stantec Consulting Services for Groundwater sampling at the Stump Dump and Biannual Reports in the amount of \$4,770 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order to Stantec Consulting Services for Groundwater sampling at the Stump Dump and Biannual Reports in the amount of \$4,770. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase Order to Wolcott Construction of Phase II of the Coffin Road reconstruction project in the amount of \$189,075.72 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Wolcott Construction of Phase II of the Coffin Road reconstruction project in the amount of \$189,075.72. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Wolcott Proposal to lock in rates for the rest of the year and have Selectman Gauthier sign the document. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase Order to Sherwin Williams for a Lazer Line Striper and paint in the amount of \$3,751.44 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Sherwin Williams for a Lazer Line Striper and paint in the amount of \$3,751.44. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Director Dennis Koch explained the Lamprey Regional Cooperative Waste Disposal Proposal. The members of the Cooperative are a group of 12 towns. All the waste goes to Rochester and we pay by the ton. Right now we are paying \$81.85 per ton. The agreement with the town ends in 2016. Instead of waiting until then, Waste Management is offering an 8 year extension starting in 2017. The price will drop to \$64 per ton and will be a savings to the town. Discussion continued. Mr. Koch will be attending a meeting on Thursday to get all the answers that were discussed.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the contract for the extension. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Dwyer requested a prioritized list of roads that are being scheduled to be paved or for construction. Mr. Dwyer would like a 20 year road plan.

FIRE

Request to hire Timothy LaBonte for per diem at \$13.50, Paul St. Cyr for per diem at \$13.00 and Thomas Henley per diem at \$13.50 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the hiring of Timothy LaBonte for per diem at \$13.50, Paul St. Cyr for per diem at \$13.00 and Thomas Henley per diem at \$13.50. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Erika Robinson requested to abate 6% of interest from the 18% set by the State as RSA 80:69 for Tax Liens. The interest on the tax liens in the past has been 12%.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to abate 6% of interest from the 18% set by the State as RSA 80:69 for Tax Liens. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

RECREATION

Project agreement between LCHIP and the Town of Epping regarding Watson Academy Building agreement entering into a 5 year Stewardship needed to be reviewed and signed.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to have Chairman Gauthier sign the LCHIP Agreement. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced a town wide clean-up on May 16th & 17th sponsored by the Epping Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department. Blue bags, gloves and town maps will be available at the Town Hall and Town Library for road side trash. The Highway Department will be coming around to collect "Blue Bags" on Monday the 18th on designated Town Roads.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve 2 scholarships for 2 families to attend the Recreation Program. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

LICENSES

Motor Vehicle Race Track Licenses for New England Dragway and Star Speedway was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Motor Vehicle Race Track Licenses for New England Dragway and Star Speedway. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Elderly Exemptions for Robert Kesheneff at 5 Center Court, Map and Lot 022-133 and James DeVeau at 28 Mast Road, Map and Lot 031-005 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Elderly Exemptions for Robert Kesheneff at 5 Center Court, Map and Lot 022-133 and James DeVeau at 28 Mast Road, Map and Lot 031-005. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Elderly Exemption for Juliette Lavoie at 76 St. Laurent Street, Map and Lot 029-224 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to deny the Elderly Exemption for Juliette Lavoie at 76 St. Laurent Street, Map and Lot 029-224 due to the recommendation of the Assessor. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Elderly Exemption renewals for Thomas Welch at 72 Main Street, Map and Lot 029-240, Karen Pawlak at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-031-A, Cheryl Rogers at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-023-C, John and Shirleen Robertson at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-005-A was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to deny the Elderly Exemption renewals for Thomas Welch at 72 Main Street, Map and Lot 029-240, Karen Pawlak at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-031-A, Cheryl Rogers at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-023-C, John and Shirleen Robertson at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-005-A due to the recommendations of the Assessor. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Veteran's Credit for Therese Lepage at 3 Hutch Court, Map and Lot 029-066 and Stacey Knowles at 12 Molly Way, Map and Lot 021-028-027 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Veteran's Credit for Therese Lepage at 3 Hutch Court, Map and Lot 029-066 and Stacey Knowles at 12 Molly Way, Map and Lot 021-028-027. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Land Use Change Tax for Bank of New York Mellon at 60 Plumer Road, Map and Lot 015-001 in the amount of \$4,000 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Bank of New York Mellon at 60 Plumer Road, Map and Lot 015-001 in the amount of \$4,000. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT

Purchase Order to Dennis Gagnon Construction to repair, paint and clean damaged wood, trim and gutters in the amount of \$6,885 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the purchase order to Dennis Gagnon Construction to repair, paint and clean damaged wood, trim and gutters in the amount of \$6,885. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the “Fishing Derby” on May 9th, 8 AM – 11 AM to be held at the Conservation Pond on Towle Road. The fishing derby is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Registration starts at 8 AM.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Large Assembly permit for the “Fishing Derby” on May 9th, 8 AM – 11 AM to be held at the Conservation Pond on Towle Road.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reported that the Duck Race given by the 275th Birthday Committee was held Saturday. The winner of the 11 ft. kayak donated by Mountain Road Trading Post and Tom Dwyer was Mary Arcieri from Raymond. 200 tickets were sold and \$1,000 was raised for the 275th Birthday.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge described the cookbook that the Historical Society is putting together to sell as a fundraiser. If anyone has a recipe they would like to have included in the cookbook please contact Sandy Goodspeed or the information will be in the Selectmen’s Office.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated that the Grange Hall will be having an open house on May 3rd from 2-4 PM. Presentation of Nation Grange 75 year letters will be given to Dan and Louise Harvey.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough reminded everyone that the road side clean-up is for certain roads in Epping and not for commercial property.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan thanked the Epping School Board for voting to name the Epping High School Gym the “Ryan O’Day Memorial Gym”.

Selectman Yergeau

No report.

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer and Selectman Yergeau met with the School Board, Recreation, Elementary Principal and the Facilities Director to brainstorm what should be part of the addition.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier wants to make sure the ETV room has an air conditioner installed soon. Also the desk needs to have a skirting added to it.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that Chuck Moorenovich's last day is this Thursday as he is retiring. A plaque was given to him as a thank you on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Detective Turner's last day is tomorrow. He will be retiring after 26 years on the police force of Epping. There will be a gathering for him at the Holy Grail on Friday, 4-8pm. Mr. Dodge thanked both men for their service to the Town of Epping.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Blanchard
Executive Secretary

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____