

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
August 17, 2015**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen James P. McGeough, Bob Jordan, 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 reconvene at 7:00 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from August 3, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to accept the minutes of August 3, 2015. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0. Selectmen Jordan and Dwyer abstained.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 8/13/2015 in the amount of \$100,063.92 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 8/13/2015 in the amount of \$100,063.92. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 8/14/2015 at \$908,714.06; \$750,000 for the school and \$158,714.06 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 8/14/2015 at \$908,714.06. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

FINANCE

Finance Director Lisa Fogg submitted a list of Recreation Write-offs from the summer of 2013 in the amount of \$772.03. The names will be kept on file but these families no longer have children attending Recreation programs. Ms. Fogg also requested permission to write off for a 2014 Police Detail for a Fire Safety Inspection at an Epping property in the amount of \$286.80.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Recreation write-offs from the summer of 2013 in the amount of \$772.03 and the write off for a 2014 Police Detail for a Fire Safety Inspection at an Epping property in the amount of \$286.80. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

MS-1

MS-1 Extension Request Form was submitted for approval due to the revaluation process.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Extension Form for the MS-1 due to the revaluation process. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked permission authorizing him to write a letter to DTC Lawyers to accept their service regarding the utilities and Fairpoint revaluations on behalf of the town.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to authorize Mr. Dodge to write a letter to DTC Lawyers to accept any correspondence referring to the utilities and Fairpoint revaluations on behalf of the town. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

TOWN RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Two Rental of Town Facilities forms were submitted for approval. Crys Frederick requested Sept 12th, 1 PM - 5 PM in the upstairs auditorium for a bridal shower. There will not be any alcohol served or unsupervised children present. Dan Bennis from the Civil War Round Table requested 8 Fridays from 7 PM – 9 PM in the upstairs auditorium. They do have special guest speakers with estimated attendance of 15-20. Chairman Gauthier commented that they have been meeting here for years.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve both Town Facilities agreements. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

LARGE ASSEMBLY PERMIT

A Large Assembly Permit was submitted for approval by Amy McPhee for the Adam McPhee Memorial Foundation Highnotes on September 12th, 2PM- until dark at 173 Prescott Road.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Large Assembly Permit for the Adam McPhee Memorial Foundation Highnotes on September 12th, 2PM- until dark at 173 Prescott Road. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

VISION

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that Vision Government Solutions have passed the deadline for informal hearings. Vision has asked for an extension to August 24th without penalty. Selectman Jordan commented that he had a complaint regarding the window of opportunity to schedule a meeting is too tight. Discussion continued regarding the contract to penalize Vision \$100 a day, how the new assessment affects taxes and how to inform the public regarding the new dates for hearings.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to grant the extension for hearings to August 24th. After the 24th, Vision will be charged \$100 per day. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0. At the next meeting on August 31st the Board of Selectmen will decide if the residents need more hearings.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge would like announce to the public that the letters received have reference PID # on them. If you haven't received a letter, you can still call Vision for an appointment. Explain to the scheduler that you don't have a number at 1-888-844-4300.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated that there is an ETV Coordinator position available. Applications need to be returned by September 11th at 4 PM.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that there has been an inquiry to when Trick or Treat will be. He will contact Police Chief Wallace for the date.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer reported that the sobriety checkpoint went over well. He was proud of the community as there were only 3 out of 326 drunk drivers and 2 where in the same car. The town police worked with the state police. There will be a press release tomorrow stating the numbers. Selectman Yergeau added that they found less than 1% activity.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan described what the Water and Sewer Department was doing with the Fire Department to transfer some water that was purchased to the water tower. The state has been notified of the water emergency. The Water and Sewer Department has contacted the state asking permission to be able to draw from the new wells, using the fresh water into the water system. Channel NH 1 was at the Town Hall writing a story on the water band today.

Selectman Yergeau

Selectmen Yergeau announced that the sidewalk plow/mower went to work this past week. It works really well. Selectman Dwyer commented that all the trash shows on the side of the road now and asked Mr. Dodge if we could have some workers from the jail do some trash pick-up. Selectman Dwyer agreed that it works well and the "sight line" on the side of the road has improved also. Chairman Gauthier asked if there was going to be a discussion on Elm Street tonight. Selectman Yergeau and Mr. Dodge replied that the conversation will be at the next meeting in 2 weeks.

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough asked for more information regarding the water purchase. Mr. Dodge reported that 127,500 gallons of water were purchased and pumped into the water tower. There will be another order delivered on Thursday. The Water and Sewer Department are working with the state for temporary use of a new well but Mr. Dodge doesn't know the date yet. They are talking about burying the water line.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier asked about the traffic counters last week. Rockingham Planning Commission is investigating the traffic flow in Epping. We didn't get the information before, but we have the list of roads now.

Selectmen Gauthier commented on how well he likes the front doors; he's only heard positive comments.

Selectmen Gauthier thinks the granite posts look plain, he was wondering if horse hitch circles would dress it up. Mr. Dodge will look into the cost.

ADJOURN

Chairman Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Date _____