

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 2, 2015**



ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 6:45 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 Jordan. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

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 January 20, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of January 20, 2015. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/29/2015 in the amount of \$95,429.89 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/29/2015 in the amount of \$95,429.89. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 1/30/2015 at \$145,004.12; \$145,004.12 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 1/30/2015 at \$145,004.12. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Veteran's Credit for Carleton Coombes Jr. at 290 Calef Highway A-14, Map and Lot 023-039-014-A was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Veteran's Credit for Carleton Coombes Jr. at 290 Calef Highway A-14, Map and Lot 023-039-014-A. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Land Use Change Tax for Justin Michaud at 6 Sydney Lane, Map and Lot 016-061-011 in the amount of \$7,500 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Justin Michaud at 6 Sydney Lane, Map and Lot 016-061-011 in the amount of \$7,500. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Elderly Exemption for Clement Wright at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-029-D was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Elderly Exemption for Clement Wright at 290 Calef Highway, Map and Lot 023-039-029-D. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Selectman McGeough explained that when W.S. Goodrich closed Mr. Robert Goodrich had some equipment that the Public Works Department could use. Dave Reinhold and Dennis Koch viewed those items and they were given to the Town by Mr. Goodrich. The total value is unknown but Mr. McGeough thought that the Board should officially accept the gift.

Selectman McGeough made a motion to accept the gift with the Town's thanks and asked that a thank you note be sent to Mr. Goodrich. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

ABATEMENT

Abatement for Margaret Grenier at 17 Depot Road, Map and Lot 027-186-001 in the amount of \$122.34 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the abatement for Margaret Grenier at 17 Depot Road, Map and Lot 027-186-001 in the amount of \$122.34. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

DELIBRATIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

The Board discussed which items on the warrant they would speak on. The following was determined;

Art. #7 Operating Budget - Selectman Dwyer and McGeough

Art. #8 Police Contract – Selectman Jordan

Art. #9 Town Hall Improvements – Selectman McGeough

Art. #10 Highway Capital Reserve – Chairman Gauthier

Art. #11 Town Birthday – Selectman McGeough

Art. #12 Recreation/Gym/Shelter Study – Selectman McGeough

Art. #13 Child/Family Services – Petitioned

Art. #14 Prospect Cemetery – Jerry Langdon?

Art. #15 Harvey Kennard Hill Forest Project – Representatives from Southeast Land Trust

Art. #16 – Art. #22 – By Petition.

It was further agreed that Chairman Gauthier would accept the articles when read and Vice Chairman McGeough would second. The annual dedication of the Town Report will proceed the Deliberative Session and Chairman Gauthier will do the honors.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE ORDER

A purchase order was submitted by the Highway Department to purchase 300 tons of salt for \$15,000.00.

Selectman Jordan made a motion to approve the purchase order to Granite State Minerals in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge thanked the Highway Department on doing an exceptional job clearing the roads for last week's blizzard and today's snow storm. He also reminded the public that Deliberative Session was tomorrow evening at the Middle High School gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Reminded the public to attend Deliberative Session on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at the Middle High School gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan warned the public that with the two back to back snowstorms that some of the streets are narrower and to use caution.

Selectman Yergeau

No report.

Selectman Gauthier

No report.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman McGeough to enter into non-public session in accordance with R.S.A. 91-A:3 II a,b,c,d, and e and to adjourn immediately thereafter. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectman Gauthier, McGeough, Jordan, and Yergeau all voting Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gregory C. Dodge
Administrator**

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____