

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
January 5, 2015**



**ATTENDANCE**

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

**SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST**

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/01/2015 in the amount of \$83,559.64 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 01/01/2015 in the amount of \$83,559.64. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

**SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST**

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 12/31/2014 in the amount of \$84,567.46 and 01/02/2015 in the amount of \$915,108.15; \$750,000 for the school, \$114,957 for Primex and \$134,718.61 for the town was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 12/31/2014 in the amount of \$84,567.46 and 01/02/2015 in the amount of \$915,108.15. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

**BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION**

Eagle Scout Recognition for Eric Ouellette was given by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Ouellette completed his eagle project on the grounds of St. Joseph parish in Epping where he constructed an outdoor stations of the cross. The Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Epping recognized and congratulated Eric on his achievement and presented him with a certificate.

**STAR SPEEDWAY SCHEDULE**

The 2015 Star Speedway Schedule was submitted for approval. There haven't been any changes from last year.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the 2015 Star Speedway Schedule. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **NEW ENGLAND DRAGWAY SCHEDULE**

Joe Lombardo from New England Dragway presented the 2015 schedule explaining that the only difference is the Nationals Race will be 3 days instead of 4 in June.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the 2015 New England Dragway Schedule. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **VETERAN'S CREDIT**

Veteran's Credit for Noella Proulx at 290 Calef Highway A-13, map and lot 023-039-013-A was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Veteran's Credit for Noella Proulx at 290 Calef Highway A-13, map and lot 023-039-013-A. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **7:15 APPOINTMENT – RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER**

Peggy Small Porter, Executive Director of the Richie McFarland Children's Center spoke regarding the petition warrant article that is due next Tuesday. In the past their request was for \$3,000. As services have increased from an average of 18 children up to 25 children, her thoughts are to increase the amount in the warrant article. Ms. Small-Porter requested advice from the Board of Selectmen and their support. Chairman Gauthier suggested increasing the warrant article in small amounts and moving forward with a higher amount every year. The petition warrant article will be in the amount of \$5,400.

#### **POLICE**

Applications for 3 highway safety grants were submitted for approval. The grant applications are for DWI patrols in the amount of \$8,887.32, Speed Control in the amount of \$6,517.37 and Police Traffic Services in the amount of \$6,665.49.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve and submit the applications for 3 highway safety grants having Chairman Gauthier sign on behalf of the board. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

Selectman McGeough commented that he would like to have the Police Chief at the meetings presenting the grants in the future. Selectman McGeough has asked in the past for information regarding grants and camera's for the dashboards of the police cruisers.

## **CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### **INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

#### **Selectman McGeough**

Selectman McGeough warned residents to be careful with the black ice, be safe.

#### **Selectman Yergeau**

Excused

#### **Selectman Jordan**

Excused

#### **Selectman Dwyer**

Selectman Dwyer reported the he received a couple complaints regarding the dump being closed the day before Christmas. It was suggested that the hours should have been 12-4 PM. Chairman Gauthier doesn't agree, the staff should be home with their families. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge thought that the hours for all the holidays were well advertised. The hours were posted at the Town Hall, ETV and at the Transfer Station. Mr. Dodge would also like the residents to be cordial to the Town Hall Staff. We received several calls that the residents were rude, insulting and berating the staff. Mr. Dodge feels that the staff does not deserve all the negative comments.

#### **Selectman Gauthier**

Selectman Gauthier would like to discuss Single Stream Recycling. He was working in Stratham and learned that the town uses a company called Cocella, that trucks their waste to Maine. Barrington and Newmarket also uses Single Stream Recycling. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge replied that the last time the town investigated Single Stream Recycling it was not cost effective. Mr. Dodge will contact Cocella and the other towns and will bring back the information.

Selectman Gauthier is concerned about the air conditioning in the new ETV room. It is so hot in there. The heat can't be good for all the equipment. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge responded that Monarch Electrical is scheduled to come in and figure out a way to cool the room down.

Selectman Gauthier is having a hard time hearing with the new sound system. Glenn Frederick will look into the system tomorrow.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**7:30 New England Dragway - Joe Lombardo**

Mr. Lombardo for the New England Dragway would like to support and have a new town sign unveiled at the Epping Resident Day that will be held in 2016 to celebrate the town’s 275TH Birthday. Selectman McGeough will meet with Mr. Lombardo and discuss the 4 town signs that need to be replaced for 2016.

Chairman Gauthier read the Public Hearing Notice. The list of abutters was attached. There were not an abutters present. Mr. Lombardo explained the beer tent location, insurance and who is going to take care of the tent. The public hearing was opened to the public then closed as no one in attendance wanted to speak. An approval letter from Police Chief Michael Wallace was mentioned along with the check list the Fire Department follows. An emergency action plan meeting will be set soon.

**Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the request by New England Dragway to serve alcohol at the NE Dragway National Event held June 12-14, 2015. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.**

**ADJOURN**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard  
Executive Secretary**

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**Thomas Gauthier, Chairman**

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**Tom Dwyer, Selectman**

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**Mike Yergeau, Selectman**

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**James P. McGeough, Selectman**

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**Bob Jordan, Selectman**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**