

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

July 6, 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 6:00 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 Jordan to enter to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Chairman Gauthier left the room. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Chairman Gauthier returned. 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 June 22, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to accept the minutes of June 22, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0-2. Chairman Gauthier and Selectman Dwyer abstained.

NON PUBLIC MINUTES

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to seal the non-public minutes of July 6, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 7/2/2015 in the amount of \$91,041.13 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 7/2/2015 in the amount of \$91,041.13. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 7/2/2015 at \$1,341,208.15; \$1,000,000 for the school, \$117,170 to Primex-Property Liability Insurance and \$224,038.15 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 7/2/2015 at \$1,341,208.15. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

INTENT TO EXCAVATE

Notice of Intent to Excavate for Louise Beard on Coffin Road, Map and Lot 023-102 for the years 2014-2016 were submitted for approval. Bond payments were made on these 3 years.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Notice of Intent to Excavate for Louise Beard on Coffin Road, Map and Lot 023-102 for the years 2014-2016. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

JUNKYARD LICENSE

Application for renewal of a Junkyard License to Tibor Toth of Epping Auto Salvage and Epping Auto Sales at 47 Jenness Road was submitted for approval. Code Enforcer Brittany Howard inspected the site and submitted a positive report.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the application for renewal of a Junkyard License to Tibor Toth of Epping Auto Salvage and Epping Auto Sales at 47 Jenness Road. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Gauthier left the room, Vice Chairman Jordan continued the meeting.

REPORT OF WOOD CUT

Notice of Report of Wood Cut to Leanne Campbell on Exeter Road, Map and Lot 030-074 in the amount of \$1,892.75 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Report of Wood Cut to Leanne Campbell on Exeter Road, Map and Lot 030-074 in the amount of \$1,892.75. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE

Captain Jay Newman explained the need for posted speed limit signs on Olde Bridge Lane. There have been complaints from several residents. Without the postings the speed limit is 35 mph. After the police department completed a speed survey, the recommendation is to have the road be posted with 25 mph speed limit signs. The Town owns a section of Olde Bridge Lane at present. If the entire road is posted the police department can effectively enforce the speed.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the town posting Olde Bridge Lane with 25 mph speed limit signs. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman McGeough would like to see the school zone posted with flashing yellow lights. Captain Jay Newman will research prices and report back to the board.

7:15 David Scott – DOT - Prescott Road Closure

Mr. Scott discussed the bridge that is built over Route 101 and travels through Raymond to get to Epping properties. The state is scheduled to conduct preventative construction on the bridge. The bridge was built in 1985. The bridge would have the top pavement taken off so the inside of the bridge can be checked and would take a minimum of 6 weeks to complete the project. An emergency cross over Route 101 will be constructed with a gravel access for the fire department and emergency responders. Raymond will not be affected as they have other access to their residents. Mr. Rodier from the Epping Fire Department reported that this would add 5-7 minutes to emergency calls and would like to suggest that the State does a ½ bridge at a time, keeping one lane open. If Epping can't reach an emergency call to one of our residents and the Town of Raymond responds, that resident will have to pay. Selectman Yergeau feels this would be passing the buck to the Epping Residents. Vice Chairman Jordan spoke for the Board saying that having ½ the bridge opened at one time with a traffic light is how the Town of Epping would like this to be handled. Mr. Scott will take the Board of Selectmen's thoughts back to his office and give them a report. He meets with the Town of Raymond next week.

7:30 CHARLIE GOODSPEED – WATSON UPDATE

Mr. Goodspeed gave a brief report regarding Watson Academy. The building has stood up to time quiet well. The problem they have run into is that the wall to the left is not an original wall. That wall will need to come down with 3 columns being added. Discussion continued including financial and the LCHIP Grant monies being spent. Mr. Goodspeed hopes to have people in their painting by October 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked the Board of Selectman if anyone from the Board would be accompanying him to the Rockingham County Nursing Home on Thursday, July 16th at 6PM at the Hilton Auditorium to discuss the new Dispatch Services. He needs to RSVP.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that there were some chairs for sale for \$1.00 each.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated that the July 1st deadline for taxes has passed. There will be a list of properties to tax deed at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said that the state have turned off the street lights that they had reported on doing except the Park and Ride.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge commented that Chairman Gauthier had wanted to discuss the cardboard container at the Transfer Station before he left. Mr. Dodge reported that they are looking into other options as the driver seems to have a problem coming to Epping. Mr. Dodge commented that the Town might need to buy an additional container or the town might have to do their own hauling to make this cost effective.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Dwyer

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to allow the Library Trustees to seek legal counsel that will be billed to the Town of Epping legal line. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Dwyer announced that Coffin Road will be closed at different times of the day this next week. Please go around when you can. The inconvenience will be worth it when the road is finished. Wednesday will be the worse day so please use Route 87.

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau agreed with Selectman Dwyer regarding Coffin Road.

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough spoke about how nice the DAR Park looks. The Post will be going in soon.

Selectman Gauthier

Excused

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan described a page on Facebook called "Epping Squawks". Some of the residents are interested in starting the skating pond that used to be behind the SAU building. It was a flooded part of the field that grew in and the State Wetlands Department wouldn't let the town cut down the weeds.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge cleared up some confusion regarding the Conservation park funding. The Conservation Commission is appropriated \$2,000, if it is not spent the money returns to the general fund. The Conservation Commission committed \$5,000 to the maintenance of the DAR Park. Mr. Dodge has e-mail Scott Pim the Chairman of the Conservation Commission to straighten out the misunderstanding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURN

**Chairman Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman McGeough.
Motion carried 4-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan

Tom Dwyer

Date _____