

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



ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes from February 17, 2015 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of February 17, 2015. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0-1, Selectman Gauthier abstained.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/26/2015 in the amount of \$104,914.76 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 02/26/2015 in the amount of \$104,914.76. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 2/27/2014 in the amount of \$198,267.58 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 2/27/2014 in the amount of \$198,267.58 Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

RECREATION

Nicole Bizzaro Parks and Recreation Director discussed the 2015 Summer Camp cost increase.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to allow the 2015 Summer Camp cost increase. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

A camp Scholarship Fund was discussed for financial assistance based on the states income guidelines. Selectman Gauthier requested that the proposed requests for scholarship participants come back before the board for approval.

Since there has been so many snow days this year, the request was made to credit future services in the Before and After School Program. As a rule refunds have never been offered. Selectman Gauthier would like a list of residents and the credits due and the credits need to be used within the year.

7:15 TIM MATTE – NEW LANE ISSUE

Tim Matte, the developer of the Prescott Orchards spoke about New Lane as he missed the Deliberative Session. Mr. Matte feels there are some misconceptions about the 5 lots that abut New Lane. The only part of New Lane that has an issue is where it meets MacIntosh Lane. The plan was approved with these lots and the issue didn't come to light until 2 years into the project. He is not looking to have more house lots or build on conservation land but would like to resolve the New Lane issue. There is a petition warrant article to close this part of the road. It could be redirected through the open space portion but he would like to have this resolved. Mr. Matte was hoping the Board would have some advice or visit the sight to resolve this issue.

DOT STREET LIGHT PROPOSAL

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained the letter he received from the State of NH DOT. The state is hoping to save money by shutting off some of their streetlights. There are 23 lights in Epping on the list for shut off mostly along Route 125 and the Park and Ride. Both Mr. Dodge and Police Chief Michael Wallace think this is a safety issue and will be attending the March 13th meeting in Portsmouth.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to have Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge draft a letter to the Governor, State Senator and State Representatives. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

ENCROACHMENT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that Brittany Howard, the Town Planner and Code Enforcer and Dennis Pelletier, Building Inspector is aware of which property has sheds on Town property. They have plans to act on this in the spring.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Veteran's Exemption for Jackson McFarland on 4 Crown Point Road Map and Lot 027-137-028 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Veteran's Exemption for Jackson McFarland on 4 Crown Point Road Map and Lot 027-137-028. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

COMSTAR

Comstar write offs for residents in the amount of \$21,474.91, non-residents in the amount of \$2,979.18 and transfer to collections for non-residents in the amount of \$11,855.30 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the recommended Comstar write offs for residents in the amount of \$21,474.91, non-residents in the amount of \$2,979.18 and transfer to collections for non-residents in the amount of \$11,855.30. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

ABATEMENTS

Abatement for Colin Vandenberghe, 7 Crown Court, map and lot 027-137-024 in the amount of \$19.00, Town of Epping, Fresh Water Road, map and lot 037-001 in the amount of \$4,483.89 and Town of Epping, Fresh Water Road, map and lot 037-003 in the amount of \$8.50 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the abatement for Colin Vandenberghe, 7 Crown Court, map and lot 027-137-024 in the amount of \$19.00, Town of Epping, Fresh Water Road, map and lot 037-001 in the amount of \$4,483.89 and Town of Epping, Fresh Water Road, map and lot 037-003 in the amount of \$8.50. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE

Purchase Order to Bergeron Protective Equipment for 2 sets of protective Gear in the amount of \$2,819.09 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order to Bergeron Protective Equipment for 2 sets of protective gear in the amount of \$2,819.09. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Purchase Order to Cen-Com for 4 security cameras, server, monitor and installation at the Town Hall in the amount of \$5,581 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the purchase order to Cen-Com for 4 security cameras, server, monitor and installation at the Town Hall in the amount of \$5,581 pending the approval of the vote from the town. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Purchase Order to Atlantic Recycling Equipment for one pump to repair the compactor in the amount of \$2,565 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order to Atlantic Recycling Equipment for one pump to repair the compactor in the amount of \$2,565. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge shared a thank you note from the Cub Scouts for attending the Blue and Gold banquet that was held at the American Legion. Selectman McGeough presented the 7 Cub Scouts Certificates of Excellent for receiving the Arrow of Light.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested election coverage from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Gauthier doesn't think he and Selectman McGeough should work inside the poles as they are on the ballot. Selectman Yergeau will be there all day, Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge will be a proxy until Selectman Jordan arrives.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded everyone to change their clocks this weekend, spring ahead.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough asked everyone to vote, it doesn't matter who you vote for, just vote.

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau agreed with Selectman McGeough, get out and vote. Hopefully we'll have a better turn out than last year.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan agreed with Selectman McGeough too, vote.

Selectman Dwyer

Excused

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier reported the polls would be open 8 AM – 7 PM.

Selectman Gauthier would like the school budget to cover any overtime for town employees that worked during the snow removal emergency. The snow removal won't be covered by insurance but the inside crack will be. Selectman Gauthier and McGeough asked Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to look into the school paying any overtime.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

James P. McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____