

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 16, 2016**



ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 7 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from February 1, 2016 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to accept the minutes of February 1, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Gauthier. Motion carried 2-0-1. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/11/2016 in the amount of \$95,041.36 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/11/2016 in the amount of \$95,041.36. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carries 3-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 2/12/2016 in the amount of \$98,854.24 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 2/12/2016 in the amount of \$98,854.24. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mutual Aid Agreement

New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program Renewal and Assistance Agreement was submitted for approval. Public Works Director Dennis Koch explained that this is a renewal as they made some minor changes.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Mutual Aid Program Renewal having Chairman Gauthier sign the document on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Purchase Order to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for 9 truck mounted radios and 2 portable radios in the amount of \$8,771.60 was submitted for approval. Public Works Director Dennis Koch explained the importance of having 2 way radio's installed in the public work trucks. They need to be able to reach Fire and Police in case of emergency. Road Supervisor David Reinhold has tested the radios in town. A repeater could be added on the water tower at a later date if needed. There won't be a base unit at the barn, the portables will be used instead.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for 9 truck mounted radios and 2 portable radios in the amount of \$8,771.60. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Works Director Dennis Koch and Road Supervisor David Reinhold updated the Board of Selectmen of the 2 snow contractors that had given there notice over the weekend and the truck that had broken down. One of the trucks is getting fixed with a transmission issue. There is another truck that won't be able to get stickered and pass inspection. Mr. Koch and Mr. Reinhold requested permission to shop around and replace the smaller truck. Discussion regarding buying a used truck or a new truck continued. The consensus was to get some prices for a new truck and come to the next meeting with more information.

FIRE

E9-1-1 Data Operations Liaison Form stating that Bruce Chapman is the primary Liaison with Paul Hanley being the secondary E9-1-1 Data Operations Liaisons was submitted for approval. This is a yearly form as it was done last year.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the E9-1-1 Data Operations Liaison Form. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SOLAR PILOT ASSESSOR REQUEST

A Solar Pilot Assessor Request regarding NHSolarGarden to provide all the power needed at Environmental Resource Return at 270 Exeter Road was submitted for approval. Discussion regarding long term contract and tax issues vs. in lieu of taxes continued.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to table the request and submit it to Attorney Lapointe for review. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT

Appointment for Robert G. Kimball to the Forestry Committee for a 3 year term was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the appointment for Robert G. Kimball to the Forestry Committee for a 3 year term. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded the Board of Selectmen that the Blue and Gold ceremony is this Friday at 6PM. We have certificates to hand out if any of the board would like to attend with Mr. Dodge.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that Candidates Night will be held here next Wednesday at 7PM. Please RSVP for those who are running for office.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge provided a Large Assembly Permit for a 5K Road Race on March 20, 2016 for 500 racers on behalf of the EYAA. The race will be held from 10 AM – 11:30 AM. All the departments have signed the requirement permit.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Large Assembly Permit for a 5K Road Race on March 20, 2016 for the EYAA fundraiser. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Excused

Selectman Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Jordan

Excused

Selectman Dwyer

No Report

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier congratulated Bruce and Elaine Gatchell for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Capital Center in Concord.

AUDIENCE

Walter Manter at Dearborn Road would like to thank all the Chairs, Co-Chairs and the moderator for jobs well done. Mr. Manter also pointed out that New Lane was closed in 1970 by the voters.

Selectman Dwyer thanked all the voter who came out and voted, there was a big turnout. It is a long, long day for those who work at the polls so a big thank you to them too. Chairman Gauthier would like to see a raise for the Ballot Clerks next year. They only make \$75 for the full day and that is not enough. Telly's donated the lasagna for the poll workers supper so a Thank You goes to them also. It will be a little easier in November as school will be closed that day.

ADJOURN

Selectman Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Date _____