

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 1, 2016**



ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes from January 19, 2016 as were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of January 19, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/28/2016 in the amount of \$96,278.00 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/28/2016 in the amount of \$96,278.00. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 1/29/2016 at \$278,823.50; \$120,284.00 for Primex-Workers Compensation and \$158,539.50 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 1/29/2016 at \$278,823.50. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Veteran's Credit for Richard Pimentel, map and lot 020-026-011 and Robert Houston, map and lot 021-008 was submitted for approval. Chairman Gauthier noted that Mr. Houston is a WWII Veteran.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Veteran's Credit for Richard Pimentel, map and lot 020-026-011 and Robert Houston, map and lot 021-008. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

TAX COLLECTOR

Contract with an Independent Contractor with Confidentiality Agreement for Sanders Searches LLC to title search property owners in the amount of \$8.78 per search not to exceed \$1,641.86 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the agreement with Sanders Searches LLC in the amount of \$8.78 per search not to exceed \$1,641.86. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

ELECTION DAY COVERAGE

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge discussed Election Day coverage and who can cover the polling area. Selectman Yergeau will attend all day, Selectman McGeough will cover the morning, and Selectman Jordan and Dwyer will be coming for the afternoon. Chairman Gauthier will stop when his schedule allows.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked which Selectmen would be addressing the different warrant articles. Mr. Goodspeed will be present to address the library warrant article. Selectman Dwyer will explain the budget. Chairman Gauthier will cover the Town's Birthday and the Town's Reevaluation. Selectman Jordan offered to explain the Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund and the police officer along with Police Chief Michael Wallace. Selectman Yergeau will discuss the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro will speak regarding the Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. Sandra Goodspeed will explain the concerns for Conservation regarding Land Use Change Tax. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge will contact the charities to make sure they know they are invited to attend. Joe Foley will talk about the Highway Truck Lease and Tim Matte along with Selectman Jordan will discuss the New Lane warrant article.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge presented the 2016 Star Speedway schedule for approval. The schedule is the same as in the past and complies with the Epping Race Track By-Law. Chairman Gauthier suggested that next year the schedule should be ready by December.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the 2016 Star Speedway schedule. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge gave the Selectmen a Rental of Town Facilities Form to complete. This rental is for "Carly for President" on Friday, February 5th from 11AM – 3 PM in the amount of \$140.00.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the rental of the upstairs auditorium for this Friday to "Carly for President". Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that the PTO will be offering babysitting services during the deliberative sessions. No one at the Town Hall was asked if this could happen but they could use the small conference room if there isn't too much noise.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested permission to close the Town Hall for a training with the town's insurance representative and employees from the Fire, Police and Town Hall on April 5th.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the closing of the Town Hall for a training with the town's insurance representative. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that the Board of Selectmen are invited to the Blue & Gold Banquet for the Epping Cub Scouts Pack 136 on February 19th, 6PM at the Epping Elementary School. This is for dinner, Arrow of Light Presentation, awards and entertainment. RSVP's are required so please let him know who would like to go.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge publicized the 275th Birthday Committee holding a "Youth Dance Party" at the American Legion Hall on Feb 20th, 1-4 PM. This will be for 1st grade up to grade 12 with Karaoke by Rick, cake and ice cream. RSVP Cliff Cray

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Excused.

Selectman Yergeau

No report.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan reported that ambulance is back in service.

Selectman Dwyer

Excused.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier reported that the Watson Academy opening had a great turnout. Carol Clapp was able to come and speak along with Dan Harvey. A thank you to Nicole, Sandy, Selectman Dwyer and many others. It was a nice event.

Selectman Gauthier announced that tomorrow night is the Town Deliberative Session, here at the Town Hall at 7PM.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____