

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

July 5, 2016



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Tom Dwyer and Mike Yergeau; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge. Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard was excused. ***Selectman James P. McGeough passed away on June 28, 2016.***

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Gauthier called for a moment of silence in memory of Selectman James P. McGeough who passed away on June 28th, 2016

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 23, 2016 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Tom Dwyer to approve the meeting minutes of May 23, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Mike Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0, with Selectman Bob Jordan abstaining.

Minutes of June 20, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Bob Jordan to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Mike Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0, with Selectman Tom Dwyer abstaining.

SIGNING OF THE PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$102,899.80 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Tom Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$102,899.80. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGNING OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for the week ending July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$1,289,528.80: \$1,000,000.00 first issue 2016-2017 School year; \$54,576.00 for two police vehicles, and \$234,952.80 for the Town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Tom Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for the week ending July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$1,289,528.80. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Bizzaro submitted the names of individuals who are due for an annual increase and recommended to promotions.

MANCINI, Lorena – From Lead Staff to Program Coordinator. Pay increase from \$10.50/hour to \$12.00/hour.

WEAVER, Maggie – From Lead Staff to Program Coordinator. Pay increase from \$10.75/hour to \$12.00/hour.

WEAVER, Rebekah – Annual pay increase from \$11.00/hour to \$11.50/hour.

BERGERON, Jen – Annual pay increase from \$10.50/hour to \$11.00/hour.

STANLEY, James – Annual pay increase from \$10.00/hour to \$10.50 hour.

BACON, Justin – Annual pay increase from \$8.25/hour to \$8.50/hour.

Ms. Bizzaro was not available to meet with the Board on this matter. Town Administrator Dodge said that if the Board wanted to discuss this with Ms. Bizzaro then it should be tabled until the next meeting.

Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to approve the recommended promotions and pay increases as submitted. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

STAR SPEEDWAY REQUEST

Track Owner Robert Webber Sr. is seeking Board permission to hold a small promotional event at Star Speedway on Thursday July 7, 2016 from 11 AM to 2 PM. It is a non-racing event with no spectators and only two race cars.

Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to grant permission to Star Speedway to hold a promotional event on Thursday July 7, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

ABATEMENTS

Abatement for Patricia Langdon Trustee at 109A Calef Highway, map and lot 029-280-A in the amount of \$4,970.11 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Tom Dwyer to approve the abatement as recommended by Scott Mash to Patricia Langdon Trustee map and lot 029-280-A in the amount of \$4,970.11. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Abatements for NH Electric Cooperative Inc., map and lot 040-500; Fairpoint Communications Inc., map and lot 040-500-002 and Public Service of NH d/b/a Eversource Energy, map and lot 36-34 & 23-185-A were submitted with a recommendation that they be denied per Scott Marsh based on a letter from Mr. Sansoucy.

Motion by Selectman Bob Jordan to deny the abatement request of NH Electric Co-Op map and lot 040-500, Fairpoint Communication map and lot 040-500-002, and Public Service of NH d/b/a Eversource Energy map and lot 36-34 & 23-185-A. Seconded by Selectman Mike Yergeau. Motion carried to deny 4-0.

TIMBER TAX LEVY

Timber Tax Levy for Michael Paul map and lot 021-001-001+2+3 in the amount of \$32.49 and Richard Boisvert Appledore map and lot 021-019-001 in the amount of \$211.86 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Tom Dwyer to approve the Timber Tax Levy for Michael Paul map and lot 021-001-001+2+3 in the amount of \$32.49 and Richard Boisvert Appledore map and lot 021-019-001 in the amount of \$211.86. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

RENTAL OF TOWN HALL

Melling Glen Condo Association submitted a request to use the Town Hall for their Homeowner Association Annual Meeting on July 26, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Town Hall is free to be used that night with a fee of \$30.00.

Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to grant the use of Town Hall on July 26, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM to the Melling Glen Condo Association with a fee of \$30.00. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS

7:15 PM – GoSolar NH of Rochester, NH scheduled an appointment to meet with the Selectmen however no one showed. The request was made by Mr. Zach Haithcock via email to Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. It was unknown if he was coming in to request permission to set up an informational booth at the Transfer Station in an effort to raise awareness of Solar Energy or if his email was the actual request. The Board asked Administrator Dodge to contact Mr. Haithcock to see if he wanted to address the Board or simply be granted permission. In any event the Board will take up the matter at the July 18th meeting.

7:30 PM (Met earlier at 7:20 PM) – Ms. Carrie Lowell of 29 Towle Rd. addressed the Board relative to damage caused when the Town Public Works Department dug up Comac Drive or in her case the corner of Comac and Towle Rd. to work on the shoulders. All residents were notified on “Comac Rd.” and “Ginaco Rd.” not “Towle Rd.” which is her actual address. Her irrigation system was damaged and she asked for assistance from the Town on repairs that amounted to \$500.00 per a proposal she received from Green World. Chairman Gauthier said that since she wasn’t noticed he would be willing to split the difference and pay \$250.00. He asked Ms. Lowell if she wanted the full amount to which she replied that would be great. Discussion continued and Selectmen Dwyer and Jordan also felt that since there wasn’t notification they were willing to pay for half of the damages plus \$50.00 for a total of \$300.00.

Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to pay Ms. Lowell a sum of \$300.00 towards the repairs of her irrigation system and that the check be made payable to Green World of Hampstead, NH. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge expressed his deepest sorrow in the passing of Selectman James P. McGeough. He stated that Mr. McGeough’s legacy of dedication to public service and commitment to the Town of Epping was unprecedented and he will be sorely missed and said his thoughts and prayers are with the family.

The Selectmen’s office will be closed from 10:30 a.m. until early afternoon on Wednesday July 6, 2016 so employees can attend the funeral of Selectman McGeough. All other departments are expected to remain open.

Administrator Dodge announced the following upcoming 275th Birthday events: July 9, 2016 the Funky Divas of Gospel will be presenting a concert at Camp Hedding from 6-7 PM and from 7-9 PM the Fleusey’s will be playing. Light refreshments will be served there is no cost. July 12, 2016 Epping resident adults can drive your car on the drag strip, teens and kids can race their bicycles. Event starts at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 9:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. August 10, 2016 there will be a performance by the Windham Concert Bank at the American Legion at 7:00 PM with a rain date of August 11, 2016.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau said that his thoughts are with the family, he was fond of Selectman McGeough and saw him as a mentor. Jim would invite Mike to bring his kids to the farm to feed the animals. He remembers when the DAR lot brick was taken up by volunteers Jim was impressed that Mike brought his kids to help. He will be missed.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan expressed his condolences to the McGeough and Vallone families. He said that it will be hard to “fill Jim’s shoes” and that Jim was a good friend to him and his wife Heidi and a good neighbor and mentor.

Selectman Jordan recalled one Memorial Day during the parade he was standing with Jim at the DAR lot and Jim said that the park looked terrible with the brick walk being overgrown. He told Bob that he was going to have the brick taken up and restored. He saw this project as a priority and wanted it completed in time for the Town’s birthday. Jim make sure all those who needed to be contacted were okay with his plans, asked the Board for approval and he made sure it done. He accomplished many things and made sure they were completed. Jim will be hard to be replaced and he will be missed.

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer reflected on his time sitting on the Budget Committee with Jim and that Jim was a mentor to him as well. He was grateful to know the man and serve with him on the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Gauthier

Chairman Gauthier praised Jim for his commitment to see the downstairs and upstairs renovations through to completion. Tom said that he doubted some of Jim’s ideas but was convinced to support the upgrades and can say that Jim was 99.9999% right that the renovations turned out great. The dedication of ETV studios this past February to Jim was fitting and the plaque with Jim’s name on it will be a constant reminder of Jim and the great things he did for this Town. Jim will be a hard person to replace and he will always remember how he called Lisa “Liser” and said “cawls” (calls) with his New York accent.

ADJOURN

Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan on behalf of Jim McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory C. Dodge
Town Administrator

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Date _____