

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 14, 2017**



ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman Bob Jordan; Selectmen Tom Dwyer and Susan McGeough; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. Chairman Tom Gauthier and Michael Yergeau were excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Jordan called the public session to order at 7:10 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 30 & February 7, 2017 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of January 30 & February 7, 2017. Seconded by Selectman McGeough Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/9/2017 in the amount of \$110,466.75 and accounts payable manifest for week ending 2/10/2017 at \$137,615.61; 11,875.55 to TD Bank and \$125,739.96 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/9/2017 in the amount of \$110,466.75 and accounts payable manifest for week ending 2/10/2017 in the amount of \$137,615.61. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

FIRE

Purchase Order to Bergeron Protective Clothing for 7 pairs of fire boots in the amount of \$2,653.00 was submitted for approval. Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis explained this amount would be coming out of the revolving fund.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Bergeron Protective Clothing for 7 pairs of fire boots in the amount of \$2,653.00. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis discussed promotions within the department. The department is short one captain and one lieutenant. These are part time positions and he would like permission to start the process of filling these positions.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to allow Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis to move forward with the promotions and to fill the empty positions. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis explained in the town's master plan the 40 year old "jaws of life" needed to be retired. Brentwood bought a new one and has offered their old one to Epping with the knowledge they could borrow it if needed. New "jaws" need to be purchased, but this gift has saved the town \$10,000. Chief DeAngelis would like the Boards permission to accept this gift.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the gift of a "jaws of life". Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0. With a thank you to the Town of Brentwood.

7:15 APPOINTMENT - Benefit Strategies

Wendy Dampier a representative of Benefit Strategies explained the proposal for a Health Reimbursement Arrangement with the Town of Epping. The fee schedule and basic options were discussed. This was an informational discussion.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held for the New England Dragway to sell alcohol at the National Event held on June 2-5, 2017. Joe Lombardo from New England Dragway explained that the same format to run the beer tent will be followed. The state regulations are monitored, detail police officers are present and the tent has run smoothly in the past. No public attended.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to allow an exception to the Town of Epping bylaws concerning the sale of alcohol at the NE Dragways National Event held on June 2-5, 2017. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lombardo has just moved to Epping and wanted the Board to know how pleasant and helpful the staff at the Transfer Station are.

DPW

Purchase Order to Granite State Minerals for 300 tons of rock salt for the roads in the amount of \$15,519 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Granite State Minerals for 300 tons of rock salt for the roads in the amount of \$15,519. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

ETV

Purchase Order to Access A/V for the annual Live Streaming on demand service in the amount of \$5,486 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the purchase order to Access A/V for the annual Live Streaming on demand service in the amount of \$5,486. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0. During the next negotiations with Comcast the HD service needs to be discussed.

Employment Application for Jon Cahill to work in the ETV Studio was presented. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained this is ETV Operator Glen Fredericks son-in law. Mr. Dodge has called Mr. Cahill but the call was never returned.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve John Cahill's employment application pending background check and he should call Mr. Dodge. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

POLE LICENSE

Pole License for 1 new telephone pole near 242 Main Street was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Pole License for 1 new telephone pole near 242 Main Street. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to table the Cell Phone Policy discussion. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge provided a Raffle Permit from the Murray Academy Dancers to sell raffles for themed baskets at the American Legion #51 on March 12, 2017.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Raffle Permit from the Murray Academy Dancers to sell raffles for themed baskets at the American Legion #51 on March 12, 2017.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the master plan survey is now available on line or a hard copy is available at the Town Hall.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough stated that the Town of Epping has lost another important member of the community. Robert Dodge lived in Epping for many years and ran Dodge's Hardware. He was a Selectman for 3 terms

and was a State Representative for 9 years. The Town report was dedicated to him and Greg in 2001. Her condolences to Greg and his family.

Selectman Yergeau

Excused

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan sends his condolences to Greg and his family.

Selectman Dwyer

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Selectman Gauthier

Excused

Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis expressed his sorrow for Greg's loss.

He reported on the school's snow loads on the roofs and school closures. Snow drifting and large snow loads compromised the architecture and the engineer deemed the roof unsafe. Several years ago when this happen a protocol was written. Cranes will clean the Elementary School rood on Wednesday and school will be closed. The Middle High School will be closed on Thursday to clean those roofs.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Susan McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____