

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 17, 2017**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Michael Yergeau and Tom Dwyer; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard; Selectmen Bob Jordan and Susan McGeough 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 the January 3, 2017 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to accept the minutes of January 3, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 2-0-1. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

Minutes from the January 10, 2017 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of January 10, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/12/2017 in the amount of \$108,988.59 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/12/2017 in the amount of \$108,988.59. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 1/13/2017 at \$278,870.75; \$124,130 for Primex and \$154,740.75 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for weeks ending 1/13/2017 at \$278,870.75. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

RECREATION

Request for Approval to Hire Alexis Modigliani for Lead Staff Before and After school program at \$10 an hour was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the hiring of Alexis Modigliani for Lead Staff Before and After school program at \$10 an hour pending a background check. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Purchase Order to Bus & Chassis, LLC for a 2007 Ford Starcraft E350 in the amount of \$15,000 was submitted for approval. Recreation Director Nicole Bizarro explained several quotes and other busses she looked at. This vehicle replaces the blue bus with the handicap lift. The bus will be paid through the Recreation Revolving fund.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Purchase Order to Bus & Chassis, LLC for a 2007 Ford Starcraft E350 in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

Recreation Director Nicole Bizarro updated the Board of Selectmen regarding the new Mary Blair sign that was approved. The sign will be ordered and installed in the spring. See attached memo from the Conservation Commission stating their approval.

EAGLE SCOUT

Scout Master Post #136 Steve Sylvain introduced Justin Bacon as the most recent scout to reach the Rank of Eagle Scout by earning his 21-22 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout Project he refurbished the trail at Mary Blair Park. The Board of Selectmen recognized Mr. Bacon's achievement with a letter presented at his Court of Honor in September. Tonight Justin Bacon was publicly acknowledged for his accomplishments.

REPRESENTATIVE SEAN MORRISON

Representative Morrison introduced himself explaining the committee's he will be on in Concord. He has been networking with Veterans and has a job list to post. He is also working with the police and fire department regarding the opioid crisis. Mr. Morrison passed out a crisis information flyer if anyone needs assistance. There is also a GoFundMe page for a gentleman in Epping who lost his house and all his possessions if anyone would like to help. Selectman Dwyer thanked Representative Morrison for coming in.

FIRE

Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis reported the electrical panel is almost ready to use for the gentleman with the GoFundMe page. Chief DeAngelis spoke about the opioid crisis and Epping being a Safe Station. There are many challenges that need to be clarified with the Police Department and Fire Department. This is just starting and many ideas need to be worked out. The Board of Selectmen would like to be updated with any new changes.

Request for approval to hire Paige George as a PT Firefighter and EMT at \$7.25 an hour and Adam Chase as a PT Firefighter, EMT and Fire Department Chaplain at \$7.25 an hour was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the hiring of Paige George as a PT Firefighter and EMT and Adam Chase as a PT Firefighter, EMT and Fire Department Chaplain both at \$7.25 an hour pending background check. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE

Office of Highway Safety Grant Agreement for Epping E-Ticket Equipment was submitted for approval. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained the grant money would be used to purchase printers for the police cruisers. Traffic tickets will be printed out at the same time Concord gets the information.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Highway Safety Grant Agreement for Epping E-Ticket Equipment allowing Chairman Gauthier to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

DPW

Purchase Order to Jordan Equipment Company for 7 sets of Cutting Edges for the plow trucks in the amount of \$8,190.80 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Purchase Order to Jordan Equipment Company for 7 sets of Cutting Edges for the plow trucks in the amount of \$8,190.80. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

VETERAN'S CREDITS

Veteran Tax Credit Applications for Maps and Lots 023-039-027-C for Mr. Tardiff, 014-014-037 for Mr. Anderson, 023-039-019-C for Mrs. DiMercurio and 036-015-001-007 for Mr. Palmer were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to approve the Veteran Tax Credit Applications for Maps and Lots 023-039-027-C for Mr. Tardiff, 014-014-037 for Mr. Anderson, 023-039-019-C for Mrs. DiMercurio and 036-015-001-007 for Mr. Palmer. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the School would like to have the School Deliberative Session here. Moderator Goodrich will be attending the Deliberative Sessions on February 7th and 9th. February 22nd is a Wednesday and would be a good night for the Candidates night.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to approve the Candidates Night on Feb 22nd at 7PM here at the Town Hall. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. 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 reviewed important Town dates: Sign ups of Town Officials is Jan. 25 – Feb 3rd until 5 PM. Deliberative sessions will be at the Town Hall on Feb. 7th and the School on Feb 9th, Candidates Night will be on Feb. 22nd at 7 PM at the Town Hall and Town Voting on March 14th in the Middle School Gym 8 AM-7 PM.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Michael Yergeau, Selectman

Date _____