

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 30, 2017**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Michael Yergeau, Tom Dwyer and Susan McGeough; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. Selectman Jordan arrived late.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 7:05 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 17 & 23, 2017 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to accept the minutes of January 17, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0-1. Selectman McGeough abstained.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to accept the minutes of January 23, 2017. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0-1. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/26/2017 in the amount of \$104,594.66 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 1/26/2017 in the amount of \$104,594.66. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 1/27/2017 at \$1,185,955.57; 1,000,000 for the School and \$185,955.57 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending 1/27/2017 at \$1,185,955.57. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

FIRE

Request for approval of 4 hires; Vincent Petvin with no certifications, Jacob DiGiovanni licensed EMT, Gregory Harnois as advanced level EMT per diem during the day shift, Fire Level 2 and CDL and Timothy Gagnon as certified firefighter all at \$7.25 an hour were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the hiring of Vincent Petvin with no certifications, Jacob DiGiovanni licensed EMT, Gregory Harnois as advanced level EMT per diem during the day shift, Fire Level 2 and CDL and Timothy Gagnon as certified firefighter all at \$7.25 an hour pending background checks. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

2017 DEFAULT BUDGET

The 2017 Default Budget was submitted for approval and signatures. The default budget needs to be posted with signatures.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the 2017 Default Budget and post with signatures. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

DRA SALES RATIO

DRA 2016 Sales Ratio Survey with equalization summary sheet and assessment review summary indicating the new Sales Ratio at 89.2% was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the 2016 Sales Ratio set at 89.2%. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Jordan arrived and sat on the board as the meeting continued.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lots 021-019-001, Russell Hero, 021-019-002, Stephen Soares & 021-019-003, Brian Novak on Prescott Road in the amount of \$8,500 each was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lots 021-019-001 Russell Hero, 021-019-002 Stephen Soares & 021-019-003 Brian Novak on Prescott Road in the amount of \$8,500 each. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

CELL PHONE POLICY

As the Fire Chief never received or read the cell phone policy the subject was tabled.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to table the Cell Phone Policy discussion. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

INTENT TO CUT

Intent to Cut for Gerald Langdon on Map and Lots 011-3, 4 + 6 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Intent to Cut for Gerald Langdon on Map and Lots 011-3, 4 + 6. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

FORESTRY APPOINTMENT

Forestry Appointment to Gerald Langdon for a 3 year term was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Forestry Appointment to Gerald Langdon for a 3 year term. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

7:30 APPOINTMENT

Rick St. Jean came before the Board of Selectman to discuss 3 items regarding Map and Lot 020-055 which is a 13 acre land locked property. The property has been in litigation and ownership was awarded to West Epping Water Company. An Intent to Cut was submitted but clarification on the ownership of Fall River Holdings LLC for Map and Lot 020-026-017 is needed. Map and Lot 020-026-017 off of Saddlebrook Lane is the house lot to be used to access the land locked property.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to table the Intent to Cut until the ownership information is provided regarding Map and Lot 020-026-017. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. St. Jean explained a housing development for Map and Lot 020-055 was before the Planning Board. Town rules are such a road cannot be longer than 1200 feet. The proposed road is 1240 feet. Selectman McGeough stated that other plans have been denied regarding roads over 1200 feet. After further discussion, Selectman Jordan suggested Mr. St. Jean attend the Planning Board with a new proposal.

Mr. St. Jean explained that West Epping Water Company should receive a refund on taxes as nothing has been done on this property. An abatement form was supplied to Mr. St. Jean.

Mr. Robert Blanchette from Saddlebrook Lane asked to speak on these topics. Selectman Dwyer asked him to wait for the comment section of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated that filing for town offices close on Friday at 5 PM at the Clerk's office.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced that Candidates Night will be on February 22 at 7PM here at the Town Hall.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reminded everyone that the Deliberative meetings will be held at the Town Hall. February 7th is for the Town, February 9th is the school and both start at 7PM.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough asked if the water was fixed and working. Chairman Gauthier explained that the water line broke approximately at 3:30 Friday. The water line was broken for 1 ½ days from Route 27 north. When the water came on it cleared in an hour. The town employees worked all night to get that fixed. The Water and Sewer Department should be billed for those hours worked by town employees.

Selectman Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan is glad to be back.

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer welcomed Selectman Jordan back.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier asked the board members if they think the budget should be amended at the deliberative session. Most of the money in the salt budget is gone. The consensus of the board was to amend the budget.

PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Blanchette from Saddlebrook Lane asked general questions about Intent to Cuts, conservations lands, stewards of property and Town Ordinances. Discussion continued.

State Representative Michael Vose spoke about House Bill 324 which is about assessing utilities. He explained the difference using DRA assessing amount versus hiring an assessor and using his numbers. Mr. Vose wanted to know how the Board of Selectman felt about using the DRA numbers. The consensus of the board is not to use the states utilities numbers.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Michael Yergeau, Selectman

Susan McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____