

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 12, 2018**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Adam Munguia and Tom Dwyer; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. Selectman Yergeau arrived late.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom 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 16, 2018 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to accept the minutes of January 16, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Munguia. Motion carried 3-0-1. Selectman Dwyer abstained.

Minutes from the January 29, 2018 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of January 29, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0-2. Selectmen Yergeau and Munguia abstained.

Minutes from the February 6, 2018 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of February 6, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/8/2018 in the amount of \$113,179.41 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest for pay period ending 2/8/2018 in the amount of \$113,179.41. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending 2/8/2018 at \$1,226,225.14; \$1,000,000.00 for the school and \$226,255.14 for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the accounts payable manifest for period ending 2/8/2018 at \$1,226,225.14. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS

DPW

Purchase Order for Granite State Minerals for rock salt to use on the roads in the amount of \$22,000 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order for Granite State Minerals for rock salt to use on the roads in the amount of \$22,000. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

LARGE ASSEMBLY PERMITS

Large Assembly Permit for the Holy Grail 5K fundraiser race as an EYAA fundraiser on March 10th, 9am-noon was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to approve the Large Assembly Permit for the Holy Grail 5K fundraiser race as an EYAA fundraiser on March 10th, 9am-noon. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Large Assembly Permit for the Kids Fishing Derby on May 5th 7am-noon at the Conservation Pond on Towle Road was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Kids Fishing Derby on May 5th 7am-noon at the Conservation Pond on Towle Road. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Yergeau arrived to the meeting.

APPOINTMENT - UNITIL

Unitil Representatives Tim Noonis in Business Development and Cindy Carroll Director of Customer Energy Solutions explained a handout regarding the natural gas expansion. The installation of the natural gas main would extend from Exeter along Route 27 and Route 125 south to Brentwood. The filing with NH Public Utilities will begin this spring and contingent upon NHPUC approval installation of natural gas distribution mains would be spring of 2019. Questions and answers followed regarding benefits for the citizens of Epping, permitting, inspections, infrastructure and etc.

PUBLIC HEARING - KENO

Chairman Gauthier read the posting for the Public Hearing on Keno. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge read the following highlights:

1. KENO was enacted into law on July 1, 2017.
2. The purpose of KENO is to generate revenue to provide Kindergarten grants to its students.
3. Town/Cities do not need to have KENO in their jurisdictions in order to receive grant money.

4. The KENO question may be placed on the ballot by either the governing body or by petition. (Epping was by the BOS).
5. Town and Cities are not required to place the question on the warrant.
6. In Epping the KENO question appears on the 2018 warrant as article #24 and simply asks the residents if KENO should be allowed to be operated in Epping.
7. At least 15 days prior to the vote but not more than 30 days Town/Cities with the question on the warrant must hold a Public Hearing. Said hearing must be noticed in two public places and published in the newspaper at least seven days prior to the hearing. This hearing was in the February 5, 2018 edition of the Manchester Union Leader and posted in two public places.
8. Applications for KENO may be submitted prior to the vote of the Town and if the question fails the applicant will be refunded their licensing fee.
9. All applications are handled by the NH Lottery Commission. The Town of Epping is not involved in the application process.

Chairman Gauthier open the meeting to the public. Representative Michael Vose spoke in favor of the bill. Although he voted no in the state legislature 3 times, it did pass. As it is now a law and legal, our businesses should be able to benefit from the Keno dollars. Voters should have the option and playing is an individual choice. Chairman Gauthier wanted to make sure any business who applies may have Keno in their establishment; no restrictions as long as it is a business. Selectman Dwyer wanted to know how a business meets the qualifications; the state will decide and be in charge. As there were no more public comments Chairman Gauthier closed the public meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced he won't be here for the next meeting. Mr. Dodge asked which Selectmen would be working the polls on March 13th. Selectmen Munguia, Gauthier and Jordan can be present during the opening of the polls. Selectman Yergeau will try to take the day off. Selectman Jordan and Gauthier will be available in the evening to close the polls.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Dwyer

Selectman Dwyer will not be available for the next 2 meetings. Mr. Dwyer thanked Chairman Gauthier for his years of service and for helping him when he first was voted on the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan warned everyone about the drop in temperature and to drive/walk carefully on the ice as there has already been one accident on Prescott Road.

Selectman Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau asked the voters to please read the warrant articles and get informed before the March 13th voting.

Selectman Munguia

Selectman Munguia publicized candidate's night on February 21st, 7 PM here at the town hall.

Selectman Munguia also said American Legion 51 supports Keno.

Selectman Gauthier

Chairman Gauthier stated the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 26th.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Tom Dwyer, Selectman

Adam Munguia, Selectman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Date _____