

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
April 13, 2020**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
VIA ZOOM FOR BUSINESS
MEETING ID #360766084
PASSCODE #276555**

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Adam Munguia; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger and Joe Trombley. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge. Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard was excused.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adam Munguia called the public meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 6, 2020 Selectmen's meeting were submitted for approved.

Motion by Selectman Bob Jordan to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Cody Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan and Adam Munguia, all voting aye.

TRUCK BID

An "Offer to Bid" on a red 2000 International Plow Truck with 110,000 miles and in poor condition closed on April 1, 2020 with a minimum bid required of \$1,500.00. Chairman Munguia asked that Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge open the sealed bids as he was at Town Hall. Administrator Dodge stated that there was only one bid received. He opened the bid and advised the Board that Mr. John Pandelena offered a bid to purchase the 2000 International Plow Truck for \$1,600.00.

Motion by Selectmen Bob Jordan to sell the 2000 International Plow Truck to Mr. John Pandelena for the amount of \$1,600.00 as per his bid. Seconded by Selectman Mike Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan and Adam Munguia, all voting aye.

EXCAVATION TAX DOOMAGE

An Excavation Tax Assessment Doomage was submitted for Louise Beard Map #023/Lot #102 in the amount of \$916.00.

Motion by Selectman Bob Jordan to approve the Excavation Doomage for Louise Beard Map #023/Lot #102 in the amount of \$916.00. Seconded by Selectman Cody Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan, and Adam Munguia all voting aye.

TAX REVALUATION POSTPONEMENT

The Board of Selectmen entered into a conversation with Scott Marsh of MRI who joined this Zoom meeting to discuss the possibility of postponing the 2020 revaluation for one year. The Board discussed the possible implications with Mr. Marsh and understood that if the Board voted to move the revaluation for one year that DRA would have the final approval. The Board wanted some time to think about it and by consensus of the Board asked Mr. Scott Marsh to look into this further. Mr. Marsh will return to the Board at a subsequent meeting to address further questions and also tell the Board what DRA had to say about this idea. No vote was taken.

OTHER

Chairman Adam Munguia asked the Board if they had anything to bring up that would require a vote of the Board. Selectman Mike Yergeau said that today he received word that the Town of Epping may have to vote the approval of the USDA grant as it relates to the closure of the sewer lagoons. Selectman Yergeau spoke to Jim Pouliot about this today and will fill in the Town Administrator as soon as possible. Selectman Yergeau felt that if a vote was necessary it might be best to do that at the September Primary instead of the General Election in November.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said that a few weeks ago the Selectmen approved the Treasurer recommending the appointment of a Deputy Treasurer. Treasurer Mike Daley recommends that Joe Foley be appointed as the Deputy Treasure.

Motion by Selectman Bob Jordan to approve Joe Foley as the Deputy Treasurer. Seconded by Selectman Cody Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan, Joe Trombley, Cody Belanger and Adam Munguia all voting aye.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Bob Jordan

Selectman Jordan once again thanked the Police and Fire Department and all First Responders for their efforts during this Pandemic and our Emergency Management Director, Chief Don DeAngelis. Deputy Chief Joe Lombardo was in attendance (virtually) and was asked by Selectman Jordan if he wanted to add anything. Deputy Lombardo said that the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) had a well laid out plan and it has been implemented and working well. Chief Don DeAngelis who was also part of this meeting added that Deputy Lombardo and the other Deputy are doing a great job filling in and running the day-to-day operations and are at the EOC on a daily basis. Director Chief DeAngelis gave out the following statistics. Currently there are 850 people in New Hampshire with COVID-19, 253 patients have recovered and of that number 74 are First Responders most of which are Police Officers. He feels that Epping has sufficient PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) to handle the current situation and stated that more PPE is arriving every day throughout the State. While unemployment is growing Nationwide, Epping's Unemployment rate is at 2% compared to New Hampshire's 10% overall percentage. Lastly, COVID-19 in New Hampshire is expected to peak on April 21, 2020.

Selectman Mike Yergeau

Selectman Yergeau said that the Planning Board would be conducting a test Zoom meeting tomorrow to insure all members are comfortable with a meeting in the near future.

Selectman Cody Belanger

Selectman Belanger just wanted to ask everyone to stay safe, practice social distancing and to wash their hands as through these efforts by everyone we will come out of this okay. He said he was too young to remember the 2008 recession and said he tends to get over zealous at times because he cares.

Selectman Joe Trombley

No report.

Selectman Adam Munguia

Chairman Munguia reminded the Board that in the near future there will be a Zoom meeting with Senator Jon Morgan. Details to come.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Joe Trombley. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Mike Yergeau, Joe Trombley, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan, and Adam Munguia, all voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gregory C. Dodge
Town Administrator**

Adam Munguia, Chairman

Bob Jordan, Vice-Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Cody Belanger, Selectman

Joe Trombley, Selectman

Dated: April 20, 2020