

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
March 30, 2020**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
VIA ZOOM FOR BUSINESS**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Adam Munguia called the public session to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was held for all the health care workers and first responders that are on the front line during this time.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from March 23, 2020 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the minutes from March 23, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

**CURRENT USE APPLICATION**

Current Use Application request for Southeast Land Trust, map and lot 005-028 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Current Use Application request for Southeast Land Trust, map and lot 005-028. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll**

**Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

## **VETERANS CREDIT**

Veteran's Credit for Karl Verenbec at map and lot 015-003-033 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the Veteran's Credit for Karl Verenbec at map and lot 015-003-033. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Munguia had the Operations Plan sent to all the board members. He asked if they would all take the time to read through the document. There are RSA's that concerns the Board of Selectmen. Any input as we move forward with the document will be discussed.

Chairman Munguia also suggested other committees use this Zoom platform for their meetings. We should move forward into expanding the hosts for Zoom.

Selectmen Jordan thanked the Police and Fire Department doing a great job during this tough time.

Selectmen Jordan would like to discuss the Stump Dump closure. How can we open the stump dump to residents without compromising the employees? Residents are cleaning their lawns while being at home. Discussion followed regarding Transfer Stickers for residents and on vehicles, enforcement of the transfer stickers, purchasing stump dump cards, employee distancing while opening the stump dump and an early morning opening for the elderly.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to reopen and resume operations at the Stump Dump while purchasing the dump cards through the clerk's office using the drop box at the town hall or through the mail. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.** The other subjects will be discussed further at a different meeting.

Selectman Trombley would like to see these stump dump cards for sale on the town web site.

Chairman Munguia stated the town hall is an essential operation. There is a process in place to have as less impact as possible. We will continue gathering additional information from the

state. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge knows the day to day operation of the town hall. Discussion followed regarding the EOC, shelter in place, isolation and the planning board holding meetings. Mr. Dodge is working with Governor's office concerning the statues and scheduling planning board meetings. He reported the Zoom platform is acceptable by the state as long as there is a number for the public and/or abutters to call in. Showing plans on Zoom remains to be an issue.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reported the water loan agreement documents have been finalized and sent to the Governors Counsel for consideration.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated today the redistricting letters were sent to the State Representatives, Senator and Governor regarding the redistricting warrant article.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge shared the request from Star Speedway to hold private "Test and Tunes" on Wednesdays and Fridays. This doesn't violate the bylaws or schedule change but would make the races more routine. There will be no spectators and the ticket booths will be closed and locked. There are concerns with Star Speedway being an essential business and putting our emergency personnel in peril.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to allow the changes as long as it follows the governor's guidelines and the Fire Chief and EOC Director makes the decision. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained the new town treasure would like to appoint under statute and with the board's approval to have the deputy treasurer position filled.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to allow the town treasurer to seek a deputy treasurer to appoint and fill the position. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said the contractual agreements will be met as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Does the board want to go forward with the 3% COLA for other employees.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to go forward with the proposed budgeted COLA increases. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced there is an addition to the list of Selectmen Assignments which was for the Police Negotiation Team; Adam Munguia, Mike Yergeau and Joe Trombley as Alternate.

## **INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

### **Selectman Joe Trombley**

Selectman Joe Trombley is concerned with holding the Planning Board meeting at the end of April. He would like to hold a trial meeting on Zoom. The public platform will need to be considered.

### **Selectman Mike Yergeau**

Selectman Mike Yergeau met with Road Supervisor David Reinhold. He will be submitting purchase orders at the next meeting regarding sand being screened and a draft permit to work on town right of ways. There might be some bond money questions.

### **Selectman Jordan**

Selectman Jordan thanked the board members and ETV for getting ZOOM off the ground.

### **Selectman Belanger**

Selectman Cody Belanger would like to discuss the 3% COLA increases. Even though he voted in favor of them he wished he hadn't. With the economy in the state that it is in we need to look forward to the budget. Nothing against the staff but he feels it is in poor judgment at this time. Mr. Belanger would like to rescind the previous vote.

Discussion continued including Health Officer Dennis Pelletier. Mr. Pelletier reported the continued stay at home policy from the state and the town is following the Governors guidelines. He is in constant communication with the EOC Director. Mr. Trombley spoke in favor of keeping the building department open.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge wanted to remind the Board of Selectman to come in and sign the documents they approved tonight. The documents will be on his desk. He also said there are 38 people listening to the meeting.

### **Selectman Adam Munguia**

Chairman Munguia spoke in favor of the 3% COLA increases as they were in the budget and the residents voted for them. Selectman Belanger agreed but said that doesn't mean they had to spend that money.

### **PUBLIC**

Marc Nickerson from Prescott Road called in to discuss the 3% COLA increases for employees. He shared his displeasure with the Board of Selectmen's vote to go forward with the increases. Discussion ensued resulting in a new motion.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to rescind the previous vote regarding the 3% COLA increases for employees. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Motion carried 3-2. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan aye, Mike Yergeau nay, Cody Belanger aye, Joe Trombley aye, and Chairman Adam Munguia voting nay.** Selectman Trombley would like to have further discussion at the next meeting April 6, 2020.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard  
Executive Secretary**

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**Adam Munguia, Chairman**

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**Mike Yergeau, Selectman**

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**Cody Belanger, Selectman**

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**Joe Trombley, Selectman**

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**Bob Jordan, Selectman**

**Dated: April 6, 2020**