

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
May 11, 2020**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
VIA ZOOM FOR BUSINESS
MEETING ID #89073125667
PASSCODE #794538**

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Selectman Yergeau reported on the Water and Sewer meeting that was held at 5 PM. There was a recommendation to sign the construction contract award letter on the new water treatment plant and forward the letter to the State of New Hampshire for review. Both Chairman Munguia and Water and Sewer Chairman Gauthier will sign the letter. If the State approves the agreement and project, the contract with PRB Construction in the amount of \$3,046,000.000 will go forward.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 4, 2020 Selectmen's meeting were submitted for approved.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

BUSINESS

TAX WARRANT

First Issue Tax Warrant for 2020 in the amount of \$9,946,132.41 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the First Issue Tax Warrant for 2020 in the amount of \$9,946,132.41. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Mike Yergeau, Joe Trombley, Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

INTENT TO CUT

Intent to Cut for EHNR Realty Development at Map and Lot 025-082-001 off of Fogg Road was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the Intent to Cut for EHNR Realty Development at Map and Lot 025-082-001 off of Fogg Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Mike Yergeau, Joe Trombley, Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

RACE TRACK LICENCES

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge requested the approval of the race track licenses so they will be able to open right away when the Governor gives them permission. Mr. Dodge would also like to waive the \$100 yearly license fee. After discussing the Governor's Task Force not being part of the legislative body, Attorney General's office lack of communication, the Board of Selectmen giving a license but not permission to operate and staying in compliance with the Governors operations a motion was made.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the race track licenses for Star Speedway and NE Dragway pending Governors approval waiving the \$100 yearly license fee. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Water and Sewer Commission recommended the Board of Selectmen Chairman Munguia and Water and Sewer Chairman Gauthier to sign the construction contract award letter on the New Water Treatment Plant and forward to the State of New Hampshire for review. Once the

State of New Hampshire signs off on the project the contract will be signed on the 21st. With the bid price awarded to PRB Construction in the amount of \$3,046,000.000 the project will be \$400,000 under budget.

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to go forward with sending the letter to the State of New Hampshire after Board of Selectmen Chairman Munguia and Water and Sewer Chairman Gauthier sign the document. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

OTHER

Selectman Joe Trombley has offered his support with the school board and to help with school projects. There is a Building Committee that we will be working with.

Selectman Joe Trombley will be reaching out to the Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to review Transfer Station contracts and working with part-time staff contracts.

Selectman Yergeau asked the Fire Chief if the design of the new water line on Pleasant Street will change the rating for the West Epping Fire Station. Chief Lombardo stated the rates will reduce rates for private homes. Conversation continued.

Emergency Management Director Don DeAngelis gave an update from the Governor's Office. Instead of quarantining for 14 days, it has been reduced to 10 days. Retail stores can open with 50% occupancy as long as they follow protocol. If any stores need help to figure out their occupancy please call the Fire Department at 679-5446. There has been 133 deaths in New Hampshire and 1,200 recovered. Massachusetts continues to be a hot-spot.

Mr. Lombardo explained the conference calls with the state on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Today's conversation was about Church Services opening and how guidelines could be followed. Wednesday's phone call will be about legal issues and Friday's call will cover law enforcement and how they can enforce compliances.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge clarified last week's CARES Act monies have to be used for ambulance expenses only.

Selectman Cody Belanger

Selectman Cody Belanger thinks it is ridiculous a mall/store can open but not a race track. This decision is being mismanaged at the state level. As long as the race track can social distance themselves they should be allowed to open. Chairman Munguia asked the Emergency Management Director Don DeAngelis if the Board of Selectmen have the authority to overrule him? Mr. DeAngelis replied no they do not and don't disregard the Task Force. The Task Force just talked to the Governor about moving race tracks under the same role as amusement parks.

Selectman Jordan thinks granting the race tracks their licenses is a step forward. When the Governor's word comes down they can open right away. Insurance companies might not allow them to open without the Governor's permission. Selectman Trombley does not want to overstep the progress made in Concord and would like to wait for the state's authorization to open the race tracks. Selectman Yergeau agrees to get direction from the state before the race tracks open.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Joe Trombley

Selectman Trombley reported the Planning Board will be having a meeting on Thursday at 6pm via the ZOOM format.

Selectman Mike Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Bob Jordan

Selectman Jordan said last week Chairman Munguia, Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge and he joined a meeting with Presque Isle. There are things the towns can learn from each other. It's very interesting as they have a Town Council and Town Manager versus Epping with a Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

Selectman Jordan clarified that Starbucks has agreed to pay for police when there is a traffic issue.

Selectman Adam Munguia

Chairman Munguia thanked the ETV staff for a great job working with all the departments and ZOOM format meetings.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Adam Munguia, Chairman

Bob Jordan, Vice-Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Cody Belanger, Selectman

Joe Trombley, Selectman

Dated: May 18, 2020