

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
May 18, 2020**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
VIA ZOOM FOR BUSINESS
MEETING ID #87357368311**

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 11, 2020 Selectmen's meeting were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for the pay period ending May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$157,311.82 was submitted for approval. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated this included the stipends for the first responders.

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to approve the payroll manifest for the pay period ending May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$157,311.82. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for the week ending May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$1,333,575.18. \$1,000,000.00 is for the School, \$155,614.00 is for the WWTF Bond payment, \$43,878.23 for Recreation Spring Program refunds and \$134,082.95 is for the town was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to approve the accounts payable manifest for the week ending May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$1,333,575.18. Seconded by Selectman Mike Yergeau. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan, and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye

BUSINESS

ETV

Purchase order to Castus for ETV support, hosting and streaming in the amount of \$2,550.00 was submitted for approval. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained this is an annual renewal.

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to approve the purchase order to Castus for ETV support, hosting and streaming in the amount of \$2,550.00. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

TIMBER TAX

Timber tax to Gatchell Land and Development, map and lot 027-190 on Depot Road in the amount of \$7.32 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to approve timber tax to Gatchell Land and Development, map and lot 027-190 on Depot Road in the amount of \$7.32. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge heard from the Town of Newfield's Recycling Committee. The Town of Newfields voted not to do curbside pickup and they have been

working with Newmarket. Disposal with Newmarket has not been working out and they have reached out to the Town of Epping to consider letting their residents use our Transfer Station. The consensus of the board was a “maybe”, if some revenue could benefit the town. Mr. Dodge will contact Newmarket to see why there is a problem with Newfields, check on our numbers and financials, find out what the Town of Newfields is proposing and talk to the DPW Director Dennis Koch on what this would do for staffing and scheduling.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms from the state are available. There are some in the entryway and they are posted on the town website.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge told the Board of Selectmen about the preconstruction meeting this Thursday at 10 AM with Underwood and BRB Construction.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained there will not be any transactions on Monday, May 25th as that is a holiday and no one will be here at the town hall.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge clarified the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Tuesday, May 26th due to the holiday. There is a Public Hearing at 7:15 to accept funds from GOFERR (Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery).

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said even though the Memorial Day Parade is cancelled, the American Legion will still honor the Veterans at the gravesites.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE - COVID 19

Fire Chief Joe Lombardo explained how the water system installation in West Epping may help some residents with lower insurance rates. It will depend on the flow rate and response time. Epping is still considered a rural setting.

Emergency Management Director Don DeAngelis reported 1,004 state residents have recovered from Covid 19, 114 are still in the hospital, 172 deaths and 35 first responders are in quarantine.

Today the Governor has lifted some restrictions on daycares, restaurants and recreation that is outdoors. Graduations are exempt from the more than 10 people rule. He hasn’t heard when the racetracks can open or the town hall. Mr. DeAngelis has been in contact with the Health Inspector Dennis Pelletier regarding the state offices opening and then the town hall. There will need to be a plan in place; markings on the floor, a flow pattern, masks and staying 6 feet apart.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Cody Belanger

Selectman Belanger thanked both chiefs for being part of the meeting tonight.

Selectman Joe Trombley

Selectman Trombley reported the Conservation Commission and Library Trustees will be having their first meetings since the Town Hall closed Tuesday night at 6 PM and 7 PM respectively via ZOOM. He expects the meetings to be brief.

Selectman Trombley said the Library Project is coming back to life. The landscaping and final painting will be done. He would like to know the exact amount of money that is left.

Selectman Mike Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Bob Jordan

Selectman Jordan thanked the Fire and Police Chiefs for the truck parade this weekend celebrating the graduates.

Selectman Adam Munguia

Chairman Munguia complimented the West Epping Fire Station as it looks excellent.

Chairman Munguia stated even though there will not be a Memorial Day Parade the importance of all Veteran's is still in our hearts and minds.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Cody Belanger to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Bob Jordan. There was a 30 seconds pause in case a resident wanted to call in. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 26, 2020