

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
May 26, 2020**



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
VIA ZOOM FOR BUSINESS  
MEETING ID #83073575728  
PASSCODE #362185**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Selectman Belanger suggested a moment of silence in memory of the lives that have been lost and the families left behind for Veteran's everywhere.

Gregory C. Dodge (Town Administrator) was congratulated for working for the town for 40 years by the all the Selectman. The town is lucky to have him.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 18, 2020 Selectmen's meeting were submitted for approved.

**Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Cody Belanger, Joe Trombley, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **TIMBER TAX LEVY**

Timber Tax Levy for Wayne Downs on 26 Hedding Road, map and lot 016-054 in the amount of \$105.89 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the Timber Tax Levy for Wayne Downs on 26 Hedding Road, map and lot 016-054 in the amount of \$105.89. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge thanked everyone who was part of his car parade, cards, gifts, cupcakes and flowers celebrating his being with the town for 40 years. He especially thanked his family for all their support and all those he has worked with through the years. Most of all the citizens of Epping, thank you.

### **OTHER**

Selectman Cody Belanger thanked Greg for all he has done to help him over the years.

Selectman Jordan thanked Greg for all his years of service, as Police Chief and helping the Board of Selectmen with legal issues. He is a real asset to the town and cares for the town tremendously.

Selectman Trombley asked Emergency Management Director Don DeAngelis if he has heard anything about opening the town hall. Mr. DeAngelis is still waiting for guidance from Concord.

Selectman Munguia reported that steps are being taken to get ready to open the town hall. He also appreciates all the communication with Mr. Dodge trying to keep the Selectmen updated on various subjects and focused. An appreciation statue was given to Mr. Dodge as a thank you from the Board of Selectmen.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge is meeting with DPW Director Dennis Koch on town hall signage before the town hall can open. For example, where residents are to stand and how far apart to line up etc.

Fire Chief Lombardo thought Greg's celebration was wonderful. Other than a brush fire everything has been quiet. The businesses are opening while complying to the governor's orders.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **7:15 GOFERR**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge read the Public Hearing notice. He explained the purpose of the public hearing was to accept funds allocated to the Town of Epping under the CARES act and known as GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) in the amount of \$165,749.00. He explained that the State received \$32 million in Federal funds to be divided throughout the towns and cities in the State based on population. The agreement letter needs to be acted on by June 1, 2020.

Chairman Munguia opened the public hearing to the public at 7:18 PM. No calls, questions or comments from the public were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:24 PM. With no further comments from Board members or public the following motion was put forward.

**Motion by Selectman Belanger to accept the \$165,749.00 allocated to the Town of Epping, NH under the CARES Act also known as GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) funds and to authorize Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to sign the relief fund grant agreement on behalf of the Epping Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Roll Call Vote; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Cody Belanger, Bob Jordan and Chairman Adam Munguia all voting aye.**

## **COVID 19 UPDATE**

Emergency Management Director Don DeAngelis reported there have been 4,097 reported Covid cases in NH, 1,053 are still active and 38 deaths. The economy is opening up. He hopes we are ahead of this virus now.

Fire Chief Joe Lombardo stated the protocols are still being followed and we need to make sure we don't become complacent. The EMTs need to still wear the proper gear and equipment to respond to calls and to the hospital.

## INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

### Selectman Cody Belanger

Selectman Cody Belanger appreciates the effort the town residents are making to continue to be safe.

### Selectman Joe Trombley

Selectman Trombley is happy to see the graduating senior banners up. They look great.

Selectman Trombley is working with the school board and the building committee to replace a school boiler. The RFPs for the design of the boiler will be sent out soon.

Selectman Trombley asked if all the RFPs for the library steps have been sent out. Mr. Dodge replied yes, but one contractor was returned as the address was incorrect and has been resent.

Selectman Trombley thanked all the Veteran's. Chairman Munguia added his appreciation to the legion for the ceremonies at the graveyards for the Veterans. It's important we don't forget.

### Selectman Mike Yergeau

Excused

### Selectman Bob Jordan

Selectman Jordan thanked all the branches of the armed forces for the sacrifices made and times missed with their families.

Selectman Jordan thanked the Police, Fire and Ambulance employees for all they do helping make America safe.

### Selectman Adam Munguia

Chairman Munguia would like to know how the town's revenue looks, the tax bills have been sent out. The Budget Committee met last week and seemed satisfied with the numbers.

Chairman Munguia congratulated the 2020 seniors on the "year that got away", Godspeed.

Chairman Munguia noticed the rail trail near his home is being used more than normal. It is good to see everyone outside.

Chairman Munguia thanked the people of Epping for being so patient while the economy is reopening. He also thanked the sitting Board of Selectmen for all the work they do and stepping up. Selectman Belanger expressed his appreciation for Chairman Munguia and his leadership.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard  
Executive Secretary**

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**Adam Munguia, Chairman**

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**Bob Jordan, Vice-Chairman**

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**Cody Belanger, Selectman**

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**Joe Trombley, Selectman**

**Dated: June 1, 2020**