

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 7, 2022**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Mike Yergeau, Selectman Tom Gauthier and John Cody; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. Selectman Joe Trombley and Bob Jordan attended via ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yergeau called the public meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

ENTER IN TO NON-PUBLIC 91-A:3 II. (a) compensation (b) hiring and (e) legal

Motion by Chairman Yergeau to enter in to Non-Public Session in accordance with 91-A:3 II. (a) compensation (b) hiring and (e) legal. Seconded by Selectman Gauthier. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to exit the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE

Chairman Yergeau reconvened the public meeting at 7:10 PM in the Town Hall meeting room and via ZOOM.

NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to seal the non-public meeting minutes of February 7, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes from the January 24 & 31, 2022 Selectmen meeting were submitted for approval.

Payroll Manifest for the pay period ending February 3, 2022 in the amount of \$142,577.63 was submitted for approval.

Accounts Payable Manifest for the week ending February 3, 2022 in the amount of \$170,065.71, (\$170,065.71 is for the town) was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to remove the January 31, 2022 Selectmen meeting minutes from the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the remaining consent calendar items as submitted. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

FINANCE

Finance Director Lisa Fogg explained the Bond Anticipation Note Extension Closing Documents. Due to the project being behind schedule the bond bank agreed to an extension.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the Bond Anticipation Note Amendment for the water project with a one-year extension. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier giving permission to Deputy Treasurer Joe Foley to sign the IRS form 8038-G in regards to the Bond Amendment. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

7:15 PUBLIC HEARING – HOME OCCUPANCY – PAUL DOWNS

Chairman Yergeau read the Public Hearing Notice for a Home Occupancy for Paul Downs to operate AAI Tree Service at 47 Hedding Road, map and lot 017-002. There were no questions or comments from the Selectman. The Public Hearing was open to the public with the list of abutters being announced. As there were no public comments the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the Home Occupancy for Paul Downs to operate AAI tree Service at 47 Hedding Road, map and lot 017-002. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

DPW/FIRE

Road Supervisor David Reinhold explained his departments need for the old rescue truck if given from the Fire Department.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to authorize the transfer of the old rescue truck from the Fire Department to the Highway Department. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Reinhold updated the board on machinery breakdowns during this last ice/snow storm. The sidewalk snowplow caught on fire yesterday. The department trucks and machinery are 90% back to working order. There is a need to purchase salt but he didn't get a PO ready in time for the meeting. There is 100 tons left.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the purchase of 500 tons of salt giving permission to Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to sign the purchase order on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE

State Police Detail Contract for the Epping Fire Department hiring state troopers to provide CLD licensing testing. Rate of pay of \$84.00 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours.

Fire Chief Donald DeAnglis explained this is a new contract that falls under State Police details. The state police will be administrating the CDL testing at the fire station. A lengthy discussion followed regarding CDL licensing.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the State Police Detail Contract for CDL licensing at the Epping Fire Department giving permission to Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge to sign the contract on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE

Request to Hire Richard Newman Jr. as a Part Time Police Officer at \$21.00 an hour was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the request to hire Richard Newman Jr. as a Part Time Police Officer at \$21.00 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 5-0.

TAX MAPS

Tax Map Maintenance proposal to Cartographic Associates in the amount of \$2,200.00 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the tax map maintenance proposal to Cartographic Associates in the amount of \$2,200.00. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 3-0.
Selectmen Trombley would like to know if a long time contract would lower the price?

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked the board if they would like to decide ahead of time on who speaks/explains the articles. It was decided the Board of Selectmen would arrive at the Deliberative Session at 6:30 PM to decide.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge thanked the highway crew for a great job on Friday during the storm. There were some complaints and mailbox issues but with all the equipment breaking down, Mr. Dodge would like to commend the employees.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge thanked Dennis Koch for the shoveling and sanding he has been doing at the town hall. He definitely made it safer for the staff and public to use the town hall.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the Deliberative Session on Tuesday at 7 PM here at the town hall.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said the town report will be dedicated at the Deliberative Session that night. The son will be here to accept the award.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Tom Gauthier

No Report

Selectman John Cody

Selectman Cody thinks the proximity of the mailboxes to the road should be discussed.

Selectman Cody reported the Fire/EMS Department has been extremely busy during the recent weather conditions and have done a great job.

Selectman Joe Trombley

Selectman Trombley would like to see increased attendance at the Deliberative Session tomorrow night. This is where questions can be asked and decisions made for the town.

Selectman Bob Jordan

Excused

Selectman Mike Yergeau

Selectman Mike Yergeau hoped to have a decent turnout tomorrow at the Deliberative Session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Mike Yergeau, Chairman

Joe Trombley, Vice Chairman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

John Cody, Selectman

Tom Gauthier, Selectman

Date: February 22, 2021