

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
February 22, 2022**



**ATTENDANCE**

Vice Chairman Joe Trombley; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Tom Gauthier and John Cody; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard. Chairman Mike Yergeau was excused.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Joe Trombley 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 Selectman Jordan 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.**

**RECONVENE**

Vice Chairman Joe Trombley reconvened the public meeting at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall meeting room and via ZOOM.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Minutes from the February 7, 2022 Selectmen meeting were submitted for approval.

Minutes from the February 8, 2022 Selectmen meeting were submitted for approval.

Payroll Manifest for the pay period ending February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$146,914.12 was submitted for approval.

Accounts Payable Manifest for the week ending February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$1,201,890.65 (\$1,000,000.00 is for the school, \$29,830.00 is for the membrane project and \$172,059.75 is for the town) was submitted for approval.

Intent to Cut Supplemental for Nancy Mathes on Dimond Hill Road, Maps and Lots 017-44 and 11-17 was submitted for approval.

Land Use Change Tax for map and lot 036-007 in the amount of \$2,000.00 was submitted for approval.

Land Use Change Taxes for map and lots 036-006-001 and 036-007 in the amount of \$10,000.00 each were submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to remove the January 31, 2022 Selectmen meeting minutes from the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the remaining consent calendar items as submitted. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Cody to approve the January 31, 2022 Selectmen meeting minutes from the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 3-0-1. Selectman Gauthier abstained.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **FIRE**

Request to hire David Savastano as a Part Time Firefighter/EMT at \$9.25 on call and \$15.50 on a call was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the request to hire David Savastano as a Part Time Firefighter/EMT at \$9.25 on call and \$15.50 on a call pending the back-ground check. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Nicholas Murphy to \$9.25 on call and \$16.00 on a call was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Nicholas Murphy to \$9.25 on call and \$16.00 on a call. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Robert Grinnell to \$9.25 on call and \$14.00 on a call was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Robert Grinnell to \$9.25 on call and \$14.00 on a call. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Liam McNally to \$9.25 on call and \$14.50 on a call was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Liam McNally to \$9.25 on call and \$14.50. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Lauren Barry from \$14.50 an hour to \$16.50 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Lauren Barry from \$14.50 an hour to \$16.50 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for Pay Rate Increase for Caitlin Labonte from \$14.00 an hour to \$15.00 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Caitlin Labonte from \$14.00 an hour to \$15.00 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Jesse Daniels from \$14.00 an hour to \$15.50 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Jesse Daniels from \$14.00 an hour to \$15.50 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request for a Pay Rate Increase for Danielle Zukas from \$17.00 an hour to \$17.50 an hour (due to her CLD license) was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the pay increase for Danielle Zukas from \$17.00 an hour to \$17.50 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

Purchase Order to Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue Vehicle for one 2023 Ford Ambulance in the amount of \$285,670.00 was submitted for approval. Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis clarified this amount is including the trade in amount and any discounts.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the purchase order to Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue vehicle LLC for one 2023 Ford Ambulance in the amount of \$285,670.00. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Jordan giving Vice Chairman Trombley permission to sign the Purchase and Sales agreement for the ambulance on behalf of the Board of Selectman. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **POLICE**

Request to hire Nicholas Young as a full time Police Officer starting February 22, 2022 at a salary of \$24.34 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the request to hire Nicholas Young as a full time Police Officer starting February 22, 2022 at a salary of \$24.34 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request to hire Jacob March as a full time Police Officer starting February 24, 2022 at a salary of \$22.00 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Cody to approve the request to hire Jacob March as a full time Police Officer starting February 24, 2022 at a salary of \$22.00 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Request to hire Jay Inzenga as a full time Police Officer starting February 23, 2022 at a salary of \$22.00 an hour was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the request to hire Jay Inzenga as a full time Police Officer starting February 23, 2022 at a salary of \$22.00 an hour. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

Police Chief Michael Wallace provided a letter of resignation for Jon Swift with regrets.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to accept the resignation of Jon Swift with regret from the Epping Police Department. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **7:15 APPOINTMENT – SIG SAUER – AARON WILLIAMSON**

Mr. Williamson joined the meeting via ZOOM. He explained Sig Sauer on Exeter Road is planning a 3-day event on October 14-16<sup>th</sup>. The Town regulations prohibit outdoor shooting on

Sunday and he is requesting an exception for Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included invitation only, parking at NE Dragway and being shuttled to the site, no flash bangs and this being a one-time permit. He does not foresee a site plan change.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve a one-time exception to the town regulations giving Sig Sauer permission to shoot on Oct 16, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **FAIRPOINT AGREEMENT**

Vice Chairman Trombley read the settlement agreement, The Town shall pay to Consolidated Communications the gross sum of \$213,680.00. The settlement amount shall be payable in two equal installments of \$106,840.00 to be paid as follows: The Town shall tender the first installment on or before April 1, 2022 and the Town shall tender the second installment on or before January 1, 2023. This is to settle a BTLA appeal from a few years ago.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the Fairpoint Agreement. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier giving Vice Chairman Trombley permission to sign the Fairpoint agreement on behalf of the Board of Selectman. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **AMBULANCE WRITE OFFS**

Ambulance write-offs for residents totaling \$36,374.87, transfers to collections for residents who received insurance payments directly in the amount of \$9,048.09, transfers to collections for non-residents totaling \$45,896.62 and non-residents in the amount of \$1,313.88 with a grand total of \$92,633.46 were submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the Ambulance write-offs for residents totaling \$36,374.87, transfers to collections for residents who received insurance payments directly in the amount of \$9,048.09, transfers to collections for non-residents totaling \$45,896.62 and non-residents in the amount of \$1,313.88 with a grand total of \$92,633.46 as submitted by Finance Director Lisa Fogg. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

State Form Application for Automotive Recycling Dealer Registration for Epping Auto Salvage and Epping Auto Sales LLC was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to approve the Application for Automotive Recycling Dealer Registration for Epping Auto Salvage and Epping Auto Sales LLC. Seconded by Selectman Jordon. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier giving Vice Chairman Trombley permission to sign the Application for Automotive Recycling Dealer Registration for Epping Auto Salvage and Epping Auto Sales LLC on behalf of the Board of Selectman. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked if the board recommended the Town Hall closing on Friday due to the snowstorm. The suggestion was to wait until Thursday and that Mr. Dodge is to use his discretion. The posting of closings will be on the town web site and WMUR.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said Candidates Night should be on the web site by tomorrow morning.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked which Selectmen will be available on election day in 2 weeks. The Selectmen need to assist in bringing the ballots to the polling area. This is the first time the polls will open at 7 AM.

## **INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

### **Selectman Tom Gauthier**

Selectman Gauthier will be able to work from noon to close on election day.

### **Selectman John Cody**

Selectman Cody described the concerns on the library web site. Some of the comments do not represent the town and will be looked into. The Library has had an increase of attendance and are doing very well.

Selectman Cody wants everyone to be very careful on Friday.

**Selectman Bob Jordan**

Selectman Jordan spoke to the Road Supervisor Dave Reinhold regarding using the ARPA Funds to build a garage for town equipment. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge mentioned the Finance Director Lisa Fogg will be attending the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to share the most recent ARPA information.

Selectman Jordan thanked everyone who came and tuned into Candidates Night. Selectman Cody added there were a lot of good question with good discussions.

**Selectman Joe Trombley**

No Report

**Selectman Mike Yergeau**

Excused

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

**NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Motion by Selectman Gauthier to seal the non-public meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Cody. Motion carried 4-0.**

**ADJOURN**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard**  
**Executive Secretary**

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**Joe Trombley, Vice Chairman**

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**Bob Jordan, Selectman**

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**John Cody, Selectman**

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**Tom Gauthier, Selectman**

**Date: March 7, 2022**

*Selectman Mike Yergeau was excused*