

ATTENDANCE

Selectmen: Dianne Gilbert, Bob Jordan, James McGeough; Town Administrator, Dean Shankle; Administrative Assistant: Judith Bielecki. Selectman Rene Archambault and Chairman Karen Falcone were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Selectman McGeough to appoint Selectman Gilbert as acting chairman. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Chairman Gilbert called the public session to order at 7:00 PM at the Epping Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed.

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Minutes from September 27, 2010 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the minutes of September 27, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

3. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending October 1, 2010 in the amount of \$634,780.20 was presented for approval.

\$500,000.00 was for the school, and \$134,780.20 was the Town.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$634,780.20. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

4. PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll manifest for pay period ending September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$76,895.51.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the payroll manifest in the amount of \$76,895.51. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 ORDINANCE – Pawn Shops

Draft copy of an ordinance in relation to the operation of Secondhand Dealers and Pawn Brokers was presented to the Board for comments by Chief Dodge. Selectman McGeough requested several changes and clarification of the ordinance be submitted to the Police. Selectman Gilbert requested clarification of the

paragraph in regard to seizure by the Police Department

5.2 DISCUSSION – Fire Wards

Mr. Charlie Goodspeed addressed the Board in regard to the procedure for the hiring of the Fire Chief. He stated that Chairman Falcone had requested the following: applicants be submitted to the Fire Academy for first review; was not in favor of sending the applicants to other Fire Chief in surrounding Towns; present the top one and two candidates to the Fire Department; send to the Fire Wards for input; submit and recommend top choice to the Board of Selectmen. Discussion followed and the process was approved with a request to have past Epping Fire Chief's review the applicants.

Mr. Goodspeed added that currently a new SOP for the Fire Department is being completed and a copy will be submitted to the Board.

5.3 RAFFLE PERMIT – St. Joseph's Church

Raffle permit for St. Joseph's Church Christmas Fair was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Raffle Permit for St. Joseph's Church. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.4 RENTAL OF TOWN FACILITIES – Girl Scouts

Request to utilize Watson Academy for holding a Girl Scout Meeting on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the request for the Girl Scouts to hold meeting at Watson Academy. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.5 LARGE ASSEMBLY PERMIT – Lamprey Waves

Request for Lamprey Waves to hold an open-house and utilize the parking area behind Town Hall on October 31 between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM was submitted for approval. The request was submitted before and required clarification and additional approvals.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Large Assembly for Lamprey Waves on October 31. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

5.6 SIGNING OF MS-1

MS-1 - Summary Inventory of Valuation for the Department of Revenue for 2010 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve and sign the MS-1 for 2010 and submit to the Department of Revenue. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

5.7 YIELD TAX – Burley Trust

Yield Tax for property owned by Burley Trust, 352 North River Road, Map 005, Lot 003, in the amount of \$337.26 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Yield Tax for the Burley Trust, 352 North River Road, in the amount of \$337.26. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.8 YIELD TAX – Burley Trust

Yield Tax for property owned by Burley Trust, 352 North River Road, Map 016, Lot 039 and Map 10, Lot in the amount of \$1,221.42 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Yield Tax for the Burley Trust, 352 North River Road, in the amount of \$1,221.42. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.9 LAND USE CHANGE TAX – MRI

LUCT for properties owned by: R.J. Moreau Communities, Map 014, Lot 014 – 046 for \$7,000; R.J. Moreau Communities, Map 014, Lot 014 – 047 for \$7,000; R.J. Moreau Communities, Map 014, Lot 014 – 048 for \$7,000; Chinburg Builders, Map 014, Lot 014 – 035 for \$7,000; Chinburg Builders, Map 014-Lot 014-034 for \$7,000; Chinburg Builders, Map 014, Lot -14-029 for \$7,000; Chinburg Builders, Map 014, Lot -14-036 for \$7,000; Chinburg Builders, Map 014- Lot 014-037 for \$7,000; Matte Home Builders, Map 014, L14-031 for \$7,000; Mr. Jeremy Wonser, Map 014, Lot 014-050 for \$7,000; Mr. John Farias, Map 014, Lot 014-033 for \$7,000; Mr. Rachid Ennaciri, Map 014, Lot 014-049 for \$7,000; Ms. Jessica Moody, Map 014, Lot 014- 038 for \$7,000; were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the LUCT charges totaling \$91,000.00 for properties submitted by MRI. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

6.1 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Shankle

No issues.

6.2 INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan advised that the Highway Department got its' new truck, and advised it is a nice truck and haven't seen it in Town to date.

Selectman Gilbert

No issues.

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough thanked everyone for sympathy expressed to the Valone family for their loss. He stated that Mr. Valone was a strong believer in education and the family will be setting up a scholarship in his honor. He added if anyone would like to contribute it would be appreciated.

7. COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Mr. Paul Spidle stated that the Town wide revaluation is completed and the assessments have been reduced but that does not mean that the taxes will go down. He advised that the Budget Committee wants to hold the increase to 3% and keep the spending down. He advised that they would be concentrating on essential services, but some cuts will have to be looked at.

Mr. Paul Spidle advised that the Budget Committee has an opening due to a resignation, if anyone would like to apply contact the office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING – Star Speedway

Chairman Gilbert opened the Public Hearing and read the notice in regard to a request by Star Speedway to run two races this year. She read the list of abutters and no abutters were present in the audience.

Mr. Webber advised that two engineers have been hired, one being a structural engineer and the other a fire safety engineer. He advised that a report from the structural engineer has been submitted to you this evening. He stated that the Fire Safety Engineer supplied an e-mail advising that the findings are minor and would submit a report within a few days.

Chairman Gilbert advised that two races are to be scheduled, one registration day, and one practice run. Mr. Webber stated that the one race would be the 16th and the other one is the 30th, with October 29th as registration with October 31 as a rain date.

Chairman Gilbert asked Mr. Webber to summarize the findings of the structural engineer. Mr. Webber advised that the grandstands need a bracket and planks replaced, that will be done. He added that the press box needs repairs of the sub-floor and staff could be allowed in that building. He stated that the public will not be allowed in the building. Chairman Gilbert advised that a certificate of insurance has been submitted from Rand Sports & Entertainment Insurance.

Mr. Charlie Goodspeed, Fire Department advised that the Fire Marshall requested the two engineers be hired to inspect the property, one a structural engineer and one being a fire safety engineer.

No members of the public spoke in regard to the issuance of a license. The Public Hearing was closed.

Selectman McGeough requested that Mr. Goodspeed comment on the pictures submitted of the floor in the building. Mr. Goodspeed advised that the building will not be utilized by the public only staff. Mr. Webber advised they would not allow people to come into that building, and the floor is being repaired. Chairman Gilbert advised that in review with Code Enforcement there is a question of egress from the bleachers attached to the building, and no fire barrier is present. Mr. Webber advised that since the restaurant and gas has been removed from the building there is nothing to catch on fire in that area. Chairman Gilbert stated that Code Enforcement has requested that some of the top bleacher rows near the building be blocked off. Mr. Webber added that none of the bleachers would be in contact with the building. Mr. Goodspeed stated that if Mr. Webber fireproofs the entrance to the stadium people could enter that way but not go into the building. Chairman Gilbert advised that also there is an issue of little critters in that building. Mr. Webber stated that the building was utilized the last few years with an operating concession being used. Town Administrator advised that the Code Enforcement and Health Officer have not seen the reports so how would the Board authorize this request. Chairman Gilbert stated that the approval would be subject to the sign-off. Selectman Jordan asked Mr. Goodspeed whether the Fire Marshall requested these two specific engineers for inspections. Mr. Goodspeed advised that no specific engineers were requested by the Fire Marshall, but the reports could be reviewed by his office. Mr. Chapman, Fire Department stated that the Fire Marshall would review the reports if requested, and suggested that ushers be hired to direct spectators to exits in case of emergency. He added that crash bars should be installed in the building and ushers could stop any spectators trying to enter the building.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the license request from Star Speedway to hold two races if a favorable report has been received by the Fire Safety Engineer and subject to the approvals of the Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer, and the Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

8:00 PM **Exeter Snow Hounds**

Request from the Exeter Snow Hounds and the Newfields Snow Club to allow snowmobile access to groom the trails on Map 30, Lot 31, Lagoon Road area.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve access to groom the trails on Map 30, Lot 31, Lagoon Road by the Exeter Snow Hounds & Newfields Snow Club. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Request from the Exeter Snow Hounds and the Newfields Snow Club to allow snowmobile access to groom the trails on Map 32, Lots 32 & 39, Class A Trail located on Birch Road...

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve access to groom the trails on Map 32, Lots 32 & 39, Class A Trail located on Birch Road by the Exeter Snow Hounds & Newfields Snow Club. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

8:15 PM **Witham Road – Fisher/St. Jean**

Mr. Rick St. Jean presented a request to cross Witham Road and provided a preliminary plan to the Board for review. Town Administrator Shankle advised that the Planning Board was expecting them to come back with more information. Mr. St. Jean stated that the Planning Board requested they go to the BOS for request to cross the road. He added that they had received clarification of the triangular piece of property owned by the State and it would be able to be utilized for access. Mr. Fisher advised that he acquired a fifty foot piece from the Barnes Family which would allow enough frontage. He advised that when the road is put in it would give us appropriate frontage. Chairman Gilbert stated that what you want from the Board is approval to cross the road at a 90 degree angle.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to allow Mr. Fisher to cross Witham Road with the installation of four stop signs if approved with the conditions of the Planning Board. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

8:30 PM **K. Sullivan**
Cancelled.

10. **ADJOURN**

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn to Non-Public under 91-A:3 II. (a)(b)(c) personnel. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Roll call vote was taken and carried 3-0.

Public Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to seal the minutes of October 4, 2010. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to Adjourn. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bielecki
Administrative Assistant

Karen Falcone, Chairman

Rene Archambault, Vice-Chairman

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____