

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen: Karen Sott, James McGeough, Rene Archambault; Town Administrator, Dean Shankle; Administrative Assistant: Judith Bielecki.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Minutes from February 22, 2010 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the minutes of February 22, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 5-0.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2010

Minutes from March 1, 2010 were submitted for approval. Selectman Gilbert requested the removal of Selectman Sott from the list of attendees.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the amended minutes of March 1, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0. Selectman Sott abstained.

4. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts Payable Manifest for 2010 in the amount of \$616,156.66 for week ending March 5, 2010 was submitted for approval. \$500,000.00 was for the school and \$116,156.66 was the Town.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the 2010 Manifest in the amount of \$616,156.66. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

5. SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$83,762.50 for pay period ending March 4, 2010 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Sott to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$83,762.50. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 5-0.

6. BUSINESS

Selectman McGeough thanked Chairman Tom Gauthier for twelve years of service to the Town and the Board of Selectmen. He added that he showed honesty and intelligent decision making

while on the Board of Selectmen. He presented Chairman Gauthier with a certificate from the Board of Selectmen and a donation from the employees to the Community Church Building Fund in his honor.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to thank Chairman Tom Gauthier for twelve years of service to the Town of Epping. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 4-0. Chairman Gauthier abstained.

6.1 PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES

Mr. Dennis Koch submitted an engineering study from Jones and Beach in regard to installing two culverts on Prescott Road to eliminate flooding of the roadway. He requested consideration to have the Highway Department install three five foot culverts at a projected construction cost of \$34,000.00. Selectman Gilbert asked if these culverts would be to augment the historic culvert in that area. Mr. Koch stated yes, they would handle the overflow from the existing culvert. Chairman Gauthier asked if the existing culvert will be cleaned out on the downside. Mr. Dave Reinhold advised that a permit has been applied for from the State, and ditching in that area would be included when the permit is approved. He added that the installation of these culverts will be above the existing culvert, and would be hiring an excavator and will bid out the materials. Town Administrator Shankle advised that this is a maintenance project and the materials should be subject to the bid process.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to go out to bid to install culverts on Prescott Road. Motion not seconded.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to accept the engineering plan as submitted by Jones and Beach and request the Highway Department install three five foot culverts on Prescott Road. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Dennis Koch requested consideration of equipping the trucks with radio's as during emergencies the Nextel Phones do not operate. Town Administrator Shankle advised that Homeland Security may have funds available.

Selectman Sott stated that she had not attended the emergency meeting last week and thanked the Town's Departments for the hard work during the storm.

6.2 SRF LOAN AMENDMENT

Notice of Amendment to RSA 486:14 in regard to the SRF Loan Amendment No. 0761010 issued on September 29, 1998 was submitted for approval. Amendment lists an interest rate adjustment from the single rate to an adjusted market rate minute 1% on the date of the bond.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to sign and approve the amendment to the SRF Loan 0761010 as

requested on December 17, 2009. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 DIRECT DEPOSIT POLICY – Fire Department

Request from the Fire Department to allow direct deposit for paying a bill be processed in the payroll system. Town Administrator Shankle provided a letter from the payroll company advising that this practice would not be advisable as the payments would not be in the name of the individual.

Motion by Selectman Sott not to authorize a direct deposit for payments for the Fire Department personnel per the payroll companies. Seconded by Selectman Gauthier. Motion carried 4-1. Selectman Archambault voted nay.

6.4 YIELD TAX WARRANT – Pintabone

Yield Tax Warrant for timber cut on property owned by Mr. Robert Pintabone, 160 Blake Road, Map 013, Lot 004, in the amount of \$272.41 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Yield Tax Warrant for Mr. Robert Pintabone, 160 Blake Road, Map 013, Lot 004, in the amount of \$272.41. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

6.5 INTENT TO CUT – Pintabone

Intent to Cut for Mr. Robert Pintabone, 160 Blake Road, Map 013, Lot 004, was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the Intent to Cut for property owned by Mr. Robert Pintabone, 160 Blake Road, Map 013, Lot 004. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

6.6 PURCHASE ORDER – Police Department

Purchase order for Aamco Transmission in the amount of \$2,359.11 was presented for approval. Chief Dodge advised that this purchase order was to repair cruiser #4 and includes free towing, a cost for removal and evaluation of \$400.00 which would be included in the final pricing. He added that this car would possibly be put out of service depending on the outcome of the election.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the purchase order for AAMCO Transmission in the amount of \$2,359.11. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Dodge advised that the department has some surplus cameras available which could be

donated to the Recreation Department.

Chief Dodge thanked Chairman Gauthier for his service and has been a pleasure working with him these last years.

Selectman McGeough requested Chief Dodge bring a request forward to the School Committee to consider setting up a shelter for residents during an emergency. He suggested a committee be formed to look into the possibility of establishing a shelter as the nearest one is in Newmarket. He said the school did a great job during the storm, but establishing a shelter should be considered.

6.7 VETERAN'S EXEMPTION – Boucher

Veteran's Exemption request for Mr. John Boucher, 7 Fecteau Way, Map 029, Lot 206 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the Veteran's Exemption for Mr. John Boucher, 7 Fecteau Way, Map 029, Lot 206. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 5-0.

6.8 JUNK YARD PERMIT RENEWAL – Tim & Joni's

Junk yard permit renewal for Tim & Joni's, 97 Jenness Road, was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Junk Yard Permit Renewal for Tim & Joni's. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 5-0.

6.9 JUNK YARD PERMIT RENEWAL – Epping Auto

Junk yard permit renewal for Epping Auto, 47 Jenness Road, was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the Junk Yard Permit Renewal for Epping Auto. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

6.10 APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Appointment slip for Mr. Chris Albert, Jones & Beach, for his appointed to the Southeast Watershed Alliance to represent Epping was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to appoint Mr. Chris Albert to the Southeast Watershed Alliance for a term of two years. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

123 BLAKE ROAD REALTY, LLC

Chairman Gauthier advised that in Non-Public Session a review of the agreement between 123 Blake Road Realty, LLC and the Town was revised. He advised that the terms of that agreement have been extended and revised to allow for payment of current use fees and penalties by Friday, March 12, 2010. He added that the total due back to 2008 is \$37,709.00. Selectman Gilbert advised that this agreement was approved as the Town is not in the real estate business and as such parcels should be in the name of the original owner as long as payments are received. Selectman Sott stated that the Town does not finance businesses in Town but this agreement is a good resolution.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the payment amount of \$37,709.00 on or before Friday, March 12, 2010 as agreed between 123 Blake Road Realty, LLC and the Town of Epping. Seconded by Selectman Sott. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS**

7.1 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Town Administrator Shankle

Town Administrator Shankle reminded everyone that voting is tomorrow.

7.2 **INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough thanked Tom Gauthier for service to the Board of Selectmen, and added that during your term you showed integrity and good judgment.

Selectman Archambault

Selectman Archambault thanked Town Administrator Shankle for allowing him to borrow a chain saw to clear part of the conservation land off Prescott Road. He thanked Dennis Koch, and Derek Roberts for assistance.

Selectman Archambault stated he was sad to see Chairman Gauthier leave.

Selectman Archambault referred to the recent issue of the Taxing Times and questioned several issues printed. He stated that the selectmen voting card was questioned and stated that Chairman Gauthier always voted for the best interest of the Town. He advised that his personal agenda was questioned in the publication, and stated it is to leave the Town in a better place after his term is up as Selectman.

Selectman Sott

Selectman Sott urged everyone to come out to vote tomorrow.

Selectman Sott thanked Tom Gauthier for being her mentor and for serving the Town and the people well. She stated that Chairman Gauthier was honest and always considered the best interest of the people. She added that this last Board Meeting has been televised starring Tom Gauthier in tribute and the aforementioned is wearing a suit and tie to commemorate the occasion.

Selectman Gilbert

Selectman Gilbert thanked Tom Gauthier for his service to the Town and stated he did a good job during his twelve years.

Selectman Gilbert told residents that the only way Government works it to have people come out and participate in it. Please come out and vote.

Chairman Gauthier

Chairman Gauthier reminded everyone to come out and vote. He stated that the polls are open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the Middle School Gym.

Chairman Gauthier thanked the voters of Epping for allowing him to serve twelve years on the Board of Selectmen. He stated that it was time for him to step down and let some fresh blood come in and let someone else come in. He stated that if anyone needs anything or has any questions to contact him. He thanked Dianne for service if she does not get re-elected.

Chairman Gauthier thanked the Town Employees for being supportive and doing a good job. He thanked everyone for the donations to the Church Building Fund and stated that someone in Town is matching the funds, so that would be a great help.

8. COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Mr. Paul Spidle stated that a street light is missing at the intersection of Hedding Road and Route 125.

Mr. Paul Spidle thanked Tom Gauthier and Dianne for service to the Town.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

None.

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Sott to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bielecki
Administrative Assistant

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

Karen Sott, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Rene Archambault, Selectman

Date _____