

ATTENDANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Archambault 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 MARCH 22, 2010

Minutes from March 22, 2010 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2010

Tabled.

4. SEALING OF NON-PUBLIC MINUTES – April 12, 2010

Meeting cancelled.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES

Mr. Borin, 89 St. Laurent Street submitted a letter and request to remove trees located on the Town right-of-way. He advised that during the last storm some damage was incurred to his house and was requesting the other trees be removed to prevent any further damage. He added that he would contribute to the cost of removing one tree as it is on his property. Vice-Chairman Archambault advised that Public Works Administrator is not present and would like his input as to cost and whether or not all the trees should be removed. Selectman Gilbert advised that the Town does not remove trees on resident properties that would be the residents' responsibility.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to remove the two trees in the Town right-of-way and request Public Works recommend the disposition of the additional trees. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.2 PUBLIC WORKS – Nottingham Square Road

Tabled.

5.3 RENTAL OF TRANSFER STATION – Epping High School

Tabled.

5.4 PAY ADJUSTMENTS – Police Department

Vice-Chairman Archambault requested the pay adjustments for Non-Union Police Department members be approved. Chief Dodge requested that his personal adjustment be removed until it can be discussed in a Non-Public Session. Vice-Chairman Archambault requested the adjustments be approved.

Chief Dodge stated that the union officers have received their increases and a \$1.00 increase per hour for details has been implemented. Selectman Jordan requested the adjustments be tabled until Chief Dodge has an opportunity to address the Board.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to table the pay adjustments for the Police Department. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 2-1. Vice-Chairman Archambault voted nay.

5.5 VETERAN'S EXEMPTION – Grise

Veterans Exemption for Mr. Joseph Grise, 96 Blake Road, Map 020, Lot 016, was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Veteran's Exemption for Mr. Grise, 96 Blake Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.6 VETERAN'S DISABILITY EXEMPTION - Perkins

Veterans Disability Exemption for Mr. Lloyd Perkins, 216 Pleasant Street, Map 028, Lot 047, was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Veteran's Disability Exemption for Mr. Perkins, 216 Pleasant Street Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.7 ELDERLY EXEMPTION – Readel

Elderly Exemption for Ms. JoAnn Readel, 34 Elm Street, Map 023, Lot 008, was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Elderly Exemption for Ms. JoAnn Readel. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.8 ELDERLY EXEMPTION – Welch

Elderly Exemption for Mr. Thomas Welch, 72 Main Street, Map 029, Lot 240, was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Elderly Exemption for Mr. Thomas Welch.

Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.9 ABATEMENT REQUEST - 123 Blake Road Realty

Abatement request for the previously approved 123 Blake Road Realty for a reduced land use change tax in the amount of \$18,436.48 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$18,436.48 for 123 Blake Road Realty. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.10 ABATEMENT REQUEST – Sherman

Abatement request for property owned by Ms. Marilyn Sherman, 11 Fecteau Way, Map 029, Lot 205, in the amount of \$197.51 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$197.51 for Ms. Marilyn Sherman, 11 Fecteau Way. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.11 ABATEMENT REQUESTS – Maestranzi

Abatement request for property owned by Mr. Richard Maestranzi, Frank's Way, Map 028, Lot 62-14 in the amount of \$961.59 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$961.59 for Mr. Richard Maestranzi, Franks Way. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatement request for property owned by Mr. Richard Maestranzi, Frank's Way, Map 028, Lot 62-15 in the amount of \$893.76 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$893.76 for Mr. Richard Maestranzi, Franks Way. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.12 ABATEMENT REQUESTS – Neal

Abatement request for property owned by Mr. Lorraine Neal, 160 Camp Lee Road, Map 006, Lot 005, in the amount of \$295.26 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$295.26 for Mr. Lorraine Neil, 160 Camp Lee Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.13 ABATEMENT REQUESTS – Muollo

Abatement request for property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Muollo, 82 Olde Bridge Lane,

Map 020, Lot 26-25 in the amount of \$185.54 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$185.54 for Mr. Ralph Muollo, 82 Olde Bridge Lane. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.14 ABATEMENT REQUEST – LCB Investments

Abatement request for property owned by LCB Investments, 110 Jenness Road, Map 034, Lot 045 in the amount of \$925.68 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$925.68 for LCB Investments, 110 Jenness Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.15 ABATEMENT REQUEST – Brown

Abatement request for property owned by Ms. Nancy Brown, located on Fireside Drive, Map 025, Lot 012-007 in the amount of \$855.86 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$855.86 for Ms. Nancy Brown, for property located on Fireside Drive. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.16 ABATEMENT REQUEST – Rich

Abatement request for property owned by Mr. Scott Rich, 15 Jacobs Well Road, Map 024, Lot 020 in the amount of \$776.06 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the abatement in the amount of \$776.06 for Mr. Scott Rich, 15 Jacobs Well Road. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

5.17 LARGE ASSEMBLY PERMIT – Recreation Department

Large Assembly Permit to hold a 'Touch-A-Truck' event on May 2nd at the Middle School Parking Lot was presented for approval by the Recreation Department. Ms. Kim Milliken advised that this event is a chance for children to see and touch a fire truck, ambulance, and highway equipment. She added that this is a fund raiser to benefit the playground and similar events are being held all over the country. Selectman Gilbert advised that granting this request is a liability issue for the Town. Ms. Milliken advised that the plan is to have the equipment monitored and access would be supervised. Selectman Jordan requested that the Recreation Director appoint staff to supervise the equipment and access. Selectman Gilbert requested children be supervised by an adult before admittance to the equipment as well as a staff member be present at each vehicle.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Large Assembly Permit for 'Touch-A-Truck' and

request the Recreation Department supervise the event and the equipment. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 3-0.

5.18 INTEREST RATE ON TAX LIENS – Tax Collector

Request from the Tax Collector to set the tax rate on Tax Liens. Mrs. Foley advised that since 1993 the interest rate for Tax Liens is 18% but the Board has voted to abate any interest in excess of 12% on the Liens.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to set the interest rate on Tax Liens at 12% and abate the additional 6% of interest. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

6.1 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Shankle

Town Administrator Shankle advised that the Senior's will be holding a Yard Sale at Watson Academy on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

6.2 INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Gilbert

No issues.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan stated that the culvert on Prescott Road recently installed looks great and thanked the Highway Department for great work.

Vice-Chairman Archambault

Vice-Chairman Archambault advised that Market Basket will be opening on Wednesday at 8:00 AM.

Vice-Chairman Archambault stated that the Canoe Race is scheduled for April 24th.

Vice-Chairman Archambault advised that Selectman McGeough was not able to attend tonight's meeting as he recently had surgery.

Vice-Chairman Archambault requested two invoices from CORE2 which were held out of the last manifest be approved to be sent to the vendors. Selectman Gilbert questioned the payments

as one invoice was from two years ago and were held pending sufficient funds being available. Mrs. Fogg, Finance advised that these two payments submitted were for work done previously and have been approved for payment by the Planning Board. Selectman Gilbert suggested an audit of CORE2 be considered and questioned the authority of the Planning Board to utilize impact fees for offsite improvements. She referred to RSA 673:16 and RSA: 674:1 and stated that the utilization of funds should be scrutinized as well as clarification of the removal of the fill from the parking lot, the two boilers, and the installation of the new boilers.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to process the payment for the electrical work completed by Ayer Electric in the amount of \$1,048.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to authorize payment of invoice for paving on the April 6, 2010 Manifest. Motion not acted on.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to release the check from CORE2 included on the April 6, 2010 Manifest. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 2-1. Selectman Gilbert voted nay.

Finance, Mrs. Lisa Fogg requested approval of a check to be refunded to an employee for overpayment of health benefit.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the check for a refund to an employee for overpayment. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Fogg advised that that she attended a meeting with FEMA and the Town needs to provide costs associated with the storms and the reimbursement will be 75% of expense.

7. COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Mr. Paul Spidle advised that three parts of the CORE2 Project are not completed: parking lot top coat; landscaping at the entrance on Water St.; park at the rivers edge. He added that \$75,000 is still owed to the Town for the purchase of the land.

Mr. Robert Bean, 219 Main Street, brought issues forward as a result of a accident at his home where a car ran through the fence. He advised that the car was going approximately 50 MPH in a 30 MPH Zone and could have injured his family. He requested consideration of installing signs and enforcing the speed limit and requested the Police monitor the usage of the basketball court adjacent to the SAU Building. Vice-Chairman Archambault advised that he would contact the Police. Mr. Bean added that an ice cream truck is riding around the area with a very loud music.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

8:00 PM K. Sullivan

Mr. Kim Sullivan asked whether the installation of the culverts on Prescott Road were

submitted to DES. Selectman Jordan advised that the installation was the result of an emergency.

Mr. Kim Sullivan advised that if funds are required as the budget is overspent, a request could be submitted to DRA.

Mr. Kim Sullivan requested information on the revaluation.

Mr. Kim Sullivan requested the ZBA and Planning Board Agenda's be put on ETV. He additionally requested a scroll under the screen so viewers at home know the subject and who's speaking.

Mr. Kim Sullivan submitted an article in the Union Leader in regard to the brother of Norman St. Laurent being presented with a purpose heart to honor his brother. He advised that Norman had died in a Japanese POW Camp in WWII and a flag in his memory is hanging in the Town Hall.

8. **ADJOURN**

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Judith Bielecki
Administrative Assistant**

Karen Falcone, Chairman

Rene Archambault, Vice-Chairman

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____