

ATTENDANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending May 28, 2010 in the amount of \$662,866.72 was submitted for approval. \$500,000.00 was the school portion and \$162,866.72 was the Town.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$662,866.72. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

3. SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST

Payroll Manifest for pay period ending May 27, 2010 in the amount of \$82,366.97 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$82,366.97. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 2010 PUBLIC UTILITY UPDATE AGREEMENT - Sansoucy

2010 Public Utility Update Agreement between George E. Sansoucy and the Town for the update of public utility and special purpose property in the Town of Epping effective April 1, 2010.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the agreement for George E. Sansoucy. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

Public Comment

Mrs. Sandy Cray, 6 Depot Road read a statement pertaining to an issue that happened in the Selectmen's Office on Friday, May 28, 2010 between herself and Selectman Archambault. (Attached) She stated that she had submitted an e-mail to the Town Administrator and Board in regard to their last meeting and the fact that notes were passed to each other by the Selectmen during the meeting. She advised that as a result of that e-mail when she went to the Selectmen's Office to pick up Bulletin Board information Selectman Archambault

yelled and insulted her. She added that she spoke to Town Administrator Shankle, and went to the Police Department later to report the episode and as a result is afraid to come into the Town Hall.

Mrs. Cray quoted some recent Facebook postings from Selectmen Archambault about this episode. (Attached)

Mrs. Cray referred to the Code of Conduct, Rule 28, and stated that as such she is reporting a violation of this Code of Conduct to the Chairman of the Board of Selectman, and the Selectmen. She requested Selectman Archambault be stripped of all official duties and assignments under RSA 42:1-(a) and be required to attend anger management counseling courses and the LGC Leadership Institute Class. She requested the Board read the presented information in regard to harassment.

Mr. Dick Irving, Acre Street, advised that previously Selectman Archambault had confronted him after a Board Meeting and feels he is intimidating. Selectman Gilbert stated that she was witness to the incident stated by Mr. Irving.

Mr. Bill Channel stated that the incident with Mrs. Cray was reprehensible as she is a good employee. He stated this is not an isolated incident.

Chairman Falcone read a letter from a Town Employee in regard to this incident. (Attached) She requested anyone else with information in this regard to come forward.

Selectman Gilbert stated that she had received personal e-mails from Selectman Archambault. Chairman Falcone stated that she had received some e-mails as well and would bring them in to be placed in a binder for the public to view.

Selectman Jordan advised that the note passed to him by Selectman Archambault at the meeting was in the nature of was he alright as he is a diabetic. He requested that the censure of Selectman Archambault be delayed until he is present at the next meeting.

Selectman McGeough apologized to Mrs. Cray as a resident and as an employee who does a great job for the Town of Epping. He requested any action against Selectman Archambault be delayed until the next meeting.

Mr. Ray Racine, Gatchell Way, asked if the Town Administrator has input on the option for the Board. Town Administrator Shankle advised that censuring him is available to the Board, but failure to fulfill duties as a Selectman would be reason to remove him from office. Mr. Racine asked what would happen if another incident happens. Chairman Falcone advised that a censure is equal to putting him on notice. Selectman Gilbert advised that if any further incidents occur this information provided tonight and the e-mails would be submitted to the Attorney General and Local Government Center.

Mr. Paul Spidle advised the Board that a censure was handed out to Mr. Kim Sullivan for remarks to Dianne Gilbert and that it is only a slap on the hand and puts them on notice.

Mr. Bill Channel stated that censure was not enough as it is not just one incident. He suggested Selectman Archambault be removed from office.

Mrs. Virginia LaPierre stated that he has no class to treat an employee in that manner in a public place as a public official.

Mrs. Susan McGeough stated that what happened to Mrs. Cray it was totally inappropriate. She stated that Selectman Gilbert has publicly addressed people and our Town Administrator with anger at a public meeting.

Mr. Cliff Cray stated that he also is a town official and requested both men on the Board decide what they would do if it was their wives. Mr. Glenn Cray requested the Board do something about this situation and make a decision.

Mr. Leo Grimard, 90 Railroad Avenue, stated he has been watching the Board Meetings and that you all don't get along. He requested Selectman Archambault be removed.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to censure Selectman Archambault for his outrageous behavior towards Mrs. Sandy Cray. Seconded by Selectman Falcone. Motion carried 3-1. Selectman McGeough voted nay.

Chairman Falcone thanked Mrs. Sandy Cray for coming out, and asked anyone with additional information to please come forward.

Chief Greg Dodge requested approval to sell surplus emergency lights for the volunteers to purchase.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to allow the sale of surplus emergency lights. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Virginia LaPierre apologized to ETV for reporting previously that the dates were broadcast incorrect for the Deliberative Session.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bielecki
Administrative Assistant

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Karen Falcone, Chairman

Rene Archambault, Vice-Chairman

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____