

ATTENDANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falcone called the public session to order at 6:00 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

2. ADJOURN TO NON-PUBLIC 91:A:3 II. (a)(b)(c) personnel: (e) negotiation, legal

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to adjourn to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

3. RECONVENE AT 7:25 PM

4. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

5. SEAL NON-PUBLIC MINUTES – September 27, 2010

Motion by Selectman McGeough to seal the Non-Public Minutes of September 27, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

6. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Minutes from September 7, 2010 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0. Selectmen Jordan and Archambault abstained.

7. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20,, 2010

Minutes from September 20, 2010 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the minutes of September 20, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0. Selectman McGeough abstained.

8. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

Accounts payable manifest for week ending September 24, 2010 in the amount of \$55,499.00 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest for week ending

September 24, 2010 in the amount of \$55,499.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

9. BUSINESS

9.1 PURCHASE ORDER – Highway

Purchase order for a 2010 F350 Ford in the amount of \$39,999.00 was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford F350 from McFarland Ford in the amount of \$39,999.00. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0. Selectman Jordan abstained.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to request Town Administrator Shankle sign the agreement with McFarland Ford. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to approve the purchase order for a plow from Leavitt Truck in the amount of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion 5-0.

9.2 REVALUATION – Vision Appraisal/MRI

Mr. Scott Marsh, MRI advised that the representative from Vision Appraisal is not able to attend, and a memo and statistics in regard to the revaluation data and results were presented to the Board. He advised that overall the 2010 taxable assessment was reduced by approximately 9% and reflects the market decline. He requested the Board approve the results as presented so that the MS-1 can be prepared for submission to the Department of Revenue. Selectman Gilbert asked about the listed loss of \$62Million in overall assessment. Mr. Marsh stated all the new houses are listed and all the changes into the system and changes in value are included. Selectman Archambault questioned the COD at 7.64 is a good number. Mr. Marsh stated that a COD of less than 10 is a good number.

Motion by Selectman Archambault to accept the 2010 Revaluation as presented and request the MS-1 be prepared with the values presented. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

9.3 BUDGETS

Chairman Falcone advised that the Budgets need to be pushed forward. Selectman McGeough advised that the first outlines of the budget have been sent out. He added that Budget Committee has requested inventories be sent out to departments for trucks and other equipment to establish the status of equipment to maintain the infrastructure of the Town. He advised that the suggested figure of increase is 3% due to increased costs. Selectman Gilbert asked about the projected increase for NH Retirement. Mrs. Fogg, Finance advised that NH Retirement provided a proposed 17% increase which is 20% for the Town. Chairman Falcone asked Town Administrator Shankle if a letter has been sent to departments to request budgets be submitted. Town Administrator Shankle advised the memo was submitted and asked for the Boards guidance in completion of the budgets. Selectman Gilbert asked that COLA be utilized for completion of the salary adjustments. Mrs. Fogg advised that a list of vehicles has been completed and presented it to the Board.

Selectman McGeough advised that warrant articles will make or break the budget this year. He added that budgets are due before the Budget Committee meeting in October. Selectman Gilbert stated that other Towns get equipment by fund raising and donations. Mr. Goodspeed advised that it used to be that way but currently the funds come from the ambulance revenue.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to complete the budgets with a 3% target for salary increases and a 3% total increase on the bottom line. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to request appointments with the Budget Committee be set for departments and request Department Heads, Chairmen or Vice Chairmen present their budgets or the budgets will be reduced to zero. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

10. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

10.1 Town Administrators Report

Town Administrator Shankle

Town Administrator Shankle requested clarification of the procedure for charities for the upcoming budget. He advised that last year if a charity was approved they were placed on the ballot, and any other charity would have to submit a petition. Discussion followed and charities that were approved last year will be placed on the ballot with the same funding request. Additionally any other charity not approved last year would be required to submit a petition, and that would apply to any approved charity requesting additional funds.

Town Administrator Shankle asked for someone to be appointed to the SAU Building Committee as requested by Supt. Barbara Munsey. He added that the first meeting would be October 4 between 2:30 – 3:30 PM.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to appoint Town Administrator Shankle to the SAU Building Committee. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 5-0.

10.2 INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough thanked everyone for the get well cards and wishes expressed during his recent illness. He stated it was great to be back.

Selectman McGeough requested consideration to sell surplus can crusher and glass crusher at the landfill.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to sell the can crusher and glass crusher to the highest bidder.

Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Gilbert

No issues.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan advised that the Highway Department will be obtaining their new truck this week to replace the one out of service.

Selectman Jordan stated that the Recreation Commission are reviewing the resumes for Recreation Director.

Selectman Archambault

No issues.

Chairman Falcone

No issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

7:45 PM Star Speedway – Webber

Chairman Falcone advised that the license to operate a race track is not in jeopardy as point of law allows until April 2011 to operate without revocation. Mr. Robert Webber, Star Speedway advised that he hired a structural engineer to look at the property and a report will be forthcoming. Selectman Falcone stated that safety is the main issue and safety of the bleachers and access to the building would need to be blocked off. Mr. Charles Goodspeed, representing the Fire Department stated that the bleachers have had trusses, braces, and boards have been replaced. He suggested additionally some chain link be installed on a couple of locations where the guard rails are located. He added that the wall on the far end had been re-done and felt the grandstands are adequate but the building is another issue and rules of egress need to be reviewed by the Fire Inspector. Mr. Webber advised that hopefully the report will be available for Monday. He advised that the letters for the Public Hearing have been sent to abutters.

11. COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Mr. Kim Sullivan asked some questions regarding revaluation and the procedure. He provided his personal phone number for any resident who had questions on the appeal process.

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Archambault to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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 _____