

## **ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Karen Falcone; Selectmen: Dianne Gilbert, James McGeough, Bob Jordan, Town Administrator Dean Shankle, Joyce Blanchard, Selectman Rene Archambault was absent.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ADJOURN TO NON-PUBLIC 91:A:3 II. (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)personnel; reputation (e) legal**

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.**

## **RECONVENE**

## **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

### **SEAL NON-PUBLIC MINUTES –February 7, 2011**

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to seal the Non-Public Minutes of February 7, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011**

Minutes from January 24, 2011 were submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the minutes of January 24, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST**

Accounts payable manifest for week ending February 4, 2011 in the amount of \$116,002.59 was submitted for approval. \$116,002.59 was the Town portion.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$116,002.59. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **SIGNING OF PAYROLL MANIFEST**

Payroll manifest for pay period ending Feb 4, 2011 in the amount of \$82,303.18 was presented for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$82,303.18. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Due to the time, the items on the agenda were discussed in a different order. Chairman Falcone opened the Public Hearing at 8:15 PM. Joe Lombardo was here from New England Dragway requesting to host an event sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America. The rally will be on February 27, 2011 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

No members of the public were present.  
The Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to allow the New England Dragway to host the event. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **CITIZENS BANK WIRE TRANSFER**

Lisa Fogg requested approval of a wire Transfer in the amount of \$17,254.50 for the Safety Facility Interest payment to Citizens Bank.

**Motion by Selectmen Jordan was made to approve the wire transfer in the amount of \$17,254.50. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **NEW DRA FORM**

Lisa Fogg informed the board that there was a new form MS-60A from the DRA that needs to be signed.

**Selectman Gilbert made a motion for Town Administrator Shankle to sign the new form when completed. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **MODIFICATION LOAN AGREEMENT**

Lisa Fogg explained a new Modification Loan Agreement DWSRF #0761010 between the Town of Epping and the State of New Hampshire. This agreement is in regards to the Stagecoach Road Project and moving the payment schedule.

**Selectman Gilbert made a motion for Selectman Falcone to sign the new agreement. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **EPPING EMERGENCY FUEL FUND**

Wal-Mart has donated \$2,000 toward the Epping Emergency Fuel Fund. Phyllis McDonough is requesting that the money be used through Rockingham Community Action as it has been used in the past.

**Selectman McGeough made a motion to use the money through Rockingham Community Action. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **ADAM MCPHEE FUND**

The Adam Mcphee Fund made a donation of \$2,500 to the recreation department. The request was made to add the money to the Epping Recreation Assistance Trust Fund.

**Selectman McGeough made the motion to use the money through the Recreation Assistance Trust Fund. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Lisa Fogg reported to the Selectmen that the Auditor's were coming next week and should have 100,000 left in the town account.

## **RESIGNATION**

The resignation of Judith Bielicki as Administrative Assistance was accepted with regret.

**The Motion was made by Selectman McGeough to accept Judith Bielecki resignation. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Selectman McGeough made a motion for an in-house promotion of Joyce Blanchard to be the new Administrative Assistant and Linda Foley should advertise right away to fill the Deputy Tax and Clerk position that will be vacated. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Request to purchase 300 tons of rock salt for the road in the amount of \$16,776.00

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to purchase 300 tons of rock salt in the amount of \$16,776.00. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Selectman Jordan also wanted to explain to the public that the road crew is working feverishly trying to clear the roads. Please respect the parking signs and the parking ordinances. Don't park on the road or clean your car off in the road. They are doing an exceptional job plowing and taking care of the town roads.

ETV to purchase sound systems materials in the amount for \$3076.00.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to purchase sound system materials in the amount of \$3076.00. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 4-0**

**ETV to purchase Peg stream supplies, service and training not to exceed \$8852.00.**

**Motion by Selectman McGeough to purchase Peg stream supplies, service and training not to exceed of \$8852.00. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 4-0**

## **LAND PURCHASE**

Henry DeBoer, Joe Foley and Mike King came to the meeting representing the water and sewer department to discuss the 60 acre Land Purchase going before the town as an article on the ballot. Information regarding the quality of the water, how much water, Iron, Magnesium, aquifers and etc. were presented and discussed. It is a major purchase and we should educate ourselves on this important subject.

## **VETERAN'S CREDIT**

Veteran's Credit request for Mr. Keith Gingrass, 31 Beede Road, Map 034 Lot 012 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Veteran's Credit for Mr. Keith Gingrass, 31 Beede Road, Map 034 Lot 012. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Veteran's Credit request for Mr. Gary Stevens, 40 Cate Street Road, Map 022 Lot 104 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Veteran's Credit for Mr. Gary Stevens, 40 Cate Street, Map 022 Lot 104. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

Veteran's Credit request for Mr. Jeremy Bernier, 100 Railroad Ave, Map 029 Lot 301 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Veteran's Credit for Mr. Jeremy Bernier, 100 Railraod Ave, Map 029 Lot 301. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Elderly Exemption request for Ms. Ruth McKeown, 290 Calef Highway D-20 Map 023 Lot 039-D20 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Elderly Exemption for Ms. Ruth McKeowm, 290 Calef Highway D-20 Map 023 Lot 039-D20. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.**

Elderly Exemption request for Mr. Warren Denyou and Ms. Anne Colbert, 52 Ham Road, Map 019 Lot 003 was submitted for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Elderly Exemption for Mr. Warren Denyou and Ms. Ann Colbert 52 Ham Road, Map 019 Lot 003. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **ABATEMENTS REQUEST**

Abatement request for Ms. Joyce Coffey, 333 Coalbank Road, Sharon Grove KY 42280 for her property on 64 Mast Road, Map 031 Lot 015 was submitted for approval.

**Selectman Jordan made a motion to deny the abatement request based on Municipal Resources Inc. findings. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0**

Abatement request for Michael McNabb, 47 Hedding Road, Map 17 Lot 2 in the amount of \$372.32 was submitted for approval.

**Selectman Gilbert made a motion to approve the abatement for Mr. McNabb 47 Hedding Road in the amount of \$372.32. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

Town Administrator Shankle requested that the Selectmen decide which articles they would speak to at the town deliberative session. Article 7 – Operating Budget, Selectman Falcone

Article 8 – Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund, Selectman McGeough

Article 9 – Landfill Engineering Design, Selectman Gilbert

Article 10 – Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund – Selectman Jordan

Article 11 – Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Selectman Jordan

Article 12 – Part time Town Clerk – Linda Foley

Article 13 – Library Renovation – Selectman McGeough

Article 14 – Ambulance Lease - Selectman McGeough and Mr. Goodspeed

Article 15 – Police Vehicle Lease – Chief Dodge

Article 16 – Police Department Equipment – Selectman McGeough and Chief Dodge

Article 17 – Additional Full Time Police Officer - Selectman McGeough and Chief Dodge

Article 18 – Ambulance Equipment – Mr. Goodspeed

Article 19 – New Highway Building – Selectman Jordan

Article 20 – Safety Complex Exhaust System - Selectman McGeough and Mr. Goodspeed

## **CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Town Administrator Shankle** – no issues

### **INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

**Selectman Gilbert**

**Selectman Gilbert** wanted everyone to be aware and call friends and representatives regarding an amendment on the floor of the NH House of Representatives that hurt tax payers because of town wide appraisals. Assessors don't listen to people and the public need to get involved.

### **Selectman McGeough**

**Selectman McGeough** reminded voters to come to the Town Deliberative Session

**Selectman McGeough** welcomed Joyce Blanchard to her new position.

**Selectman Jordan**

No issues.

**Chairman Falcone**

No issues.

### **COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

Tom Gauthier of 23 Bartlett Street wants to address 3 reasons why Judith isn't here anymore and why she felt she had to leave the Town Hall. 1. It is the Selectman who isn't here tonight and the position she was recently put in. 2. He came in the Town Hall with a goat and it peed on the carpet. 3. He doesn't show up at meetings.

It's not right to the board, it's not right to the voters and Mr. Gauthier thinks he should be asked for his resignation.

Paul Spidle agrees with Mr. Gauthier. He has seen the amount of time Selectman Gilberts put in. He says there is fear in the town hall. Selectman Falcone agreed, he was elected on good faith and should step down.

Paul Spidle also wanted the public to know that there are 2 openings on the budget committee if anyone is interested in a write-in campaign or to be appointed.

### **12. ADJOURN**

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joyce Blanchard  
Administrative Assistant  
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**Karen Falcone, Chairman**

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**Rene Archambault, Vice-Chairman**

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**Dianne Gilbert, Selectman**

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**James McGeough, Selectman**

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**Bob Jordan, Selectman**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_