

Bob \_\_\_\_\_  
Joanne \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOWN OF EPSOM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, January 5, 2009**

**Present:** Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Keith Cota; Darlene Phelps, Recording Secretary

**Not Present:** Joanne Randall, Vice-Chairman

**Also in Attendance:** Dave Fiorentino; Andrew Walton; Daren Woodside; Gordon Ellis; Betsy Bosiak; Nancy Wheeler;

**6:15pm Bob called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**6:15pm Daren Woodside – 551 North Road (request for culvert)** – Mr. Woodside stated that he has lived in Epsom since 2002 and until 2005 the culvert that he installed had worked fine. However since improvements have been done to North Road, every time it rains, it washes out his driveway. He said he also has an area of about 20' – 30' that is 2" - 3" thick of gravel, sand & asphalt that has washed upon his driveway. He is requesting that the town install a second culvert at the end of his driveway to handle the water coming down North Road and onto his property. Gordon Ellis responded that the culvert that is under Mr. Woodside's driveway is not large enough – nor is the culvert under the road just above his driveway. Gordon feels that the reason his yard is washing out more now than before 2005, is because we are getting heavier rains now than we were in 2005. Gordon also said he made the ditch larger on the opposite side of the road and added rip rap in the last year – which is slowing down the flow of water. He indicated that he did not alter the existing pipe under the town road. Keith asked the size of the culvert under the town road and the culvert size under the driveway. Gordon responded that the culvert under the town road is a 15 inch diameter and the culvert under the driveway is 12 inches in diameter. Keith noted that from a common sense approach, the private culvert downstream of the town's pipe appears to be too small to start with and questioned why the town should be responsible for upgrading. Mr. Woodside said he has pictures of the sediment that has washed onto his property, but he forgot to bring them. Bob asked him to mail them to the office and after the BOS has had time to review them he will be put back on the agenda for further discussion.

**6:30pm Staff Discussion** – Nancy Wheeler requested that whatever decisions the BOS makes tonight regarding the Default Budget should be left in her box so she can type them and have them ready for the Budget Committee Meeting on Thursday night. She also said at next week's meeting we should start discussing encumbrances.

Thursday, January 8 at 7PM is the final Budget Committee Meeting and Thursday, January 15 at 7PM is the Public Hearing.

The Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009. Betsy Bosiak stated that the Annual School District Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3 or Thursday, February 5 – the date needs to be confirmed with Harvey Harkness.

Keith noted that Barb feels there is not a clear understanding as to the town's process for compliance to RSA 155E which addresses permitting for gravel pits. Barb is working on putting

together an ordinance for the Board of Selectmen to consider which can be reviewed at a future meeting.

#### FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** has been processed.
2. **Manifest** has been signed.
3. **Payroll** has been signed.
4. **Pay Rate Sheet (updated)** has been signed.
5. **Veteran's Exemption** has been signed.
6. **Request for Two Permit Renewals** – Adam Towne has requested that the BOS extend his building permits for another year. Building Permits are good for one year, and the time to ask for an extension has passed. Jay's recommendation is to extend Adam's permits to November 5, 2009, which is one year later than the original one. Keith made a motion to extend Permit Numbers 200068, 200071 until November 5, 2009. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
7. **Appointment Papers** – Keith made a motion to appoint Matthew French to the Website Committee until 12/1/2009. Bob seconded the motion. Keith made a motion to appoint Norman Gentry to the Planning Board until the March 2009 election, to fill a board vacancy. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
8. **Timber Tax Warrants (2)** have been signed.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Default Budget Changes** – Keith and Bob reviewed the Draft Default Budget Worksheet prepared by Nancy. This draft shows the increases that are required, 5.7% COLA, contractual changes, and other expenses and requirements that are beyond the BOS control. This also includes increased amounts for gasoline, utilities, sand & salt, mileage. This new Default Budget shows an increase of 3.99% over the 2008 Default Budget. They removed \$150 for mileage reimbursement for the Health Officer. Keith made a motion to accept the Default Budget of \$2,568,381.00 which is an increase of \$98,499.00 (3.99%) over the 2008 default Budget. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – December 29, 2008** – Keith made a motion to accept the draft minutes of 12/29/08 as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – December 22, 2008** – Keith made a motion to accept the final minutes of 12/22/08 as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Draft - Non-Public Minutes – December 22, 2008** - Keith made a motion to accept the draft minutes of the Non-Public Meeting 12/22/08 as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

- **Final – December 15, 2008** – Keith made a motion to accept the final minutes of 12/15/08 as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final - Non-Public Minutes – December 15, 2008** - - Keith made a motion to accept the final minutes of the Non-Public Meeting 12/15/08 as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

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1. **Legal** – Keith said the BOS has received correspondence from Tony Soltani regarding 7 topics that are currently pending. Tony will be coming in to meet with the BOS in February.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY** (No action required)

- a. **Miscellaneous Folder** – A Memorandum was received from Plan NH Share It Committee and they want to know if we have the opportunity to submit an application to Share It for various professionals to work on a weekend reviewing plans, etc. Keith and Bob suggest that this is forwarded to the Meetinghouse Committee.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Dave Fiorentino asked the BOS about the Library Trustees entering into Labor Contracts before the budget passes. Keith and Bob stated that this is a question for the Budget Committee to ask the Library Trustees directly, as the Library Trustees are a separate entity from the BOS. There was a brief discussion about this.

**Liaison Reports:**

Bob doesn't have any reports.

Keith said he got a notice from the Chairman of the Suncook River Valley Association that the next meeting is Thursday, Jan 15 at 7 PM in Barnstead. This will conflict with our Budget Public Hearing, so we may not be able to send a representative to this meeting.

He reported that the Planning Board is moving forward with two zoning changes – one addressing small wind utilities (windmills) and also a fee change for junk yard permits. A Public Hearing will be held on January 14 for these changes.

Keith said he has prepared an insert to be included in the application for Intent to Cut, which he will send to Tony for review. He also prepared the letter addressing the Non-Public issue from December 22, which he will also forward to Tony for review.

8:00 PM Keith made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.