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**TOWN OF EPSOM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, February 17, 2009**

Present: Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Joanne Randall, Vice-Chairman; Keith Cota; Darlene Phelps, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance: Andrew Walton, Dave Fiorentino, Betsy Bosiak, Joni Kitson, Mary Frambach, Gordon Ellis

6:15pm Bob called the meeting to order & asked Keith to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** – was signed.
2. **Manifest** – was signed.
3. **CDBG Payment Request #2** was signed
4. **2009 Agreement in Lieu of Taxes** – Keith made a motion to enter into an agreement for 2009 for Epsom Elderly Housing. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. **Abatement Refunds for Accounts Payable** was processed.

FOR DISCUSSION

A. Highway Maintainer 1 – Keith addressed the issue of the job requiring a CDL, even though last week it was discussed that the town vehicle does not require a CDL. Keith stated that he still feels it's preferable that the prospective employee have a CDL, in case the Town ever has a vehicle or needs to rent a vehicle that would require it. Joni Kitson stated that the only reason she brought that information forward is so the BOS was aware of the job description that was previously created. Gordon said he has interviewed 8 people, of which 4 are fully qualified. He has narrowed it down to one applicant, and he is having a background check completed.

B. Goodwin Auto Invoice – There was an invoice in the folder from Goodwins for welding on the plow. Joanne said Gordon did verify that this was for the town plow.

C. Dispatch Contract for Police Department – Keith said he spoke with Chief Preve about the 2 year contract received from Bow Dispatch. Chief Preve questioned the amount of the contract & was told that they are trying to hold the pricing, but cannot guarantee the pricing for 2010. The last input that Keith received regarding Merrimack County Dispatch is that there is a possibility they could offer their services to us in June or July. Keith would be hesitant to sign this contract if there is not a cancellation clause

without penalty. This year's dispatch price is \$59,885.00. This amount is determined based on the last three year's call data. Keith said he is not aware of a requirement to sign this contract – we can just continue on using their services without a contract until we know more as to the possible switch to Merrimack County.

FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOW-UP

- A. Epsom Historical Society – Sign Lease** signed at last meeting.
- B. DRA Findings re: Recent Avitar Statistical Update**
- C. Chadwick-BaRoss Invoice** – Debbie provided the board with copies of all letters that have been sent by Gordon. Joanne will ask Debbie to send all correspondence to Tony for review, follow up and response letter.
- D. Snow Obstruction Ordinance** – Gordon addressed Keith's concerns about this ordinance. He stated that there are only about 10 driveways in Epsom that create a problem. Keith showed Gordon his draft of the rewritten ordinance. Betsy asked if there are only 10 driveways that are at issue, why a letter isn't being sent to the homeowner stating that there is a problem. The new ordinance provides for a written warning from the Road Agent before any fine for non-compliance can be given. There was discussion about whether changing this ordinance will require a Public Hearing. Keith noted that the Board has not in the past held formal public hearings for policy development. He suggested keeping it on next week's agenda for final review and adoption.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – February 9, 2009** – The BOS reviewed the draft minutes, but Joanne asked to postpone the acceptance to allow her additional time to review them.
- **Final – February 2, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to accept the final minutes of 2/2/09. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY (No action required)

- a. Epsom Deliberative Session Official Minutes** – Joanne made a motion to accept these minutes of 2/7/09 as written. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b. NHMA Membership Meeting March 2nd at 9:30am**
- c. LCHIP Time Extension Granted** – All work will be completed & documented by June 15. The final disbursement of funds for this project will be made by June 30.
- d. Kings Towne Flood Elevation Plan Map**
- e. LGC Property Liability Coverage Rates** – Joanne said this contract sets a cap of raising this rate

- more than 9%. They have sent a letter stating that they will be increasing the premium by 5%.
- f. **NHDOT Interim Inspection of Bridges**
 - g. **NRRA Conference - Request for Auction Items**
 - h. **Miscellaneous Folder**

Liaison Reports:

Bob said he is going to the Old Town Hall tomorrow to remove the toilet and will put anti-freeze in the pipes & will turn the heat down to 50 degrees until the spring time.

Keith reported on the Planning Board meeting from last week, with the proposed subdivision of 42 lots on Goboro Road. The Planning Board did acknowledge that the proposed subdivision [does](#) qualify for regional impact, and so the Town of Chichester, as well as CNHRPC will be notified. They have also requested a traffic impact study. They have also requested the intersection around the corner of Goboro Road/Depot Street be engineered. There was a large outpouring of abutters who are not in favor of this development.

Keith reported that the ZBA is having a Public Hearing tomorrow night for KingsTowne Park. This is for KingsTowne to provide testimony about their intent to increase the number of units. Keith has spoken to Glenn & advised him to hear all testimony, and close the Public Hearing, but not act on a decision until after meeting with the BOS and Town Counsel to discuss the information received at the meeting. This will likely take approximately 2 months to come to a final decision.

Keith said he received an update from Steve Couture on the River Avulsion. He suggested we apply for funds from the State Program. There are also funds available in a Federal Program from Senator Shaheen's office, which Steve suggests we apply for.

Joanne said last Tuesday she went to a meeting with CNHRPC regarding the Route 28 Corridor Study. Gordon & Rick Belanger were also there. All 5 towns were represented at the meeting. Most of the discussion was regarding Barnstead & Alton, where Route 28 is very much in need of repair. CNHRPC is providing a class for 2 people from each town for Road Safety Audit (this is paid for by CNHRPC), then after all members are trained, will be involved in Road Safety Audits. Gordon & Dave Fiorentino will be the two representatives from Epsom. There was a discussion about whether any Planning Board representatives were present, or if they were aware of this meeting. Betsy said she went to a meeting on Thursday with CNHRPC, and provided the BOS with 8 concerns that were raised when she was Chairperson of the Planning Board. Betsy is interested in possibly being a 3rd representative for the Town of Epsom.

Tomorrow night is a work session for the Hazard Mitigation Group. Joanne will be in attendance.

Representatives from LGC will be here on March 16 for about an hour for a Risk Management Meeting. Bob said he will be in attendance on behalf of the Selectmen.

Gordon Ellis would like to carry over his 3 weeks of vacation time to June 1. The BOS does not object to this, but would like him to use it as soon as possible. Gordon said he & Nancy are meeting with FEMA tomorrow regarding two different issues.

8:10 PM Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.