

**TOWN OF EPSOM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, February 8, 2010**

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

Final \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted as Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Present:** Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Joanne Randall, Vice Chairman; Darlene Phelps, Recording Secretary

**Not in Attendance:** Keith Cota

**Also in Attendance:** Betsy Bosiak; Gordon Ellis; Kathy Bailey; Mary Frambach

**6:15pm**        **Bob called the meeting to order and asked Betsy to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**6:15pm**        Bob made a motion to go into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

**6:22pm**        Joanne made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

**6:30pm**        **Staff Discussion:** Dawn Blackwell has prepared the Official Ballot. Joanne said she & Bob have reviewed it and initialed it. Dawn will proceed with having the ballot printed. Nancy Wheeler said the information on the handout has been updated with the new information from Deliberative Session, and Debbie has been working on putting it on the website. Nancy said she is finishing up some work on the Town Report. Nancy said there had been discussion about holding an Open House before Election Day for people to visit the Old Town Hall and Historic Meetinghouse. It was decided to hold it on February 27 from 10 AM – 1 PM. It will be advertised in the Suncook Sun. Joanne will talk to Keith and will determine who will be there at what times to greet the public & answer questions. Bob suggested that someone needs to look at the side door by the handicap entrance at the Meetinghouse, because it's so hard to open.

**6:50pm**        Joanne made a motion to go into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

**7:13pm**        Joanne made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

**FOR SIGNATURE**

1. **Accounts Payable** has been signed.
2. **Manifest** has been signed.
3. **Payroll** has been signed.
4. **Registration for Landfill (two copies):** This is the form that is required in order to register a landfill that was closed prior to July 2001. DES does not have this information on file, so this form is required. Barbara gathered her information from older locals who were able to provide information to her.
5. **Supplemental Intent to Cut** has been signed.
6. **Land Use Change Tax (Three)** has been signed.
7. **Land Use Change Tax Warrant** has been signed.
8. **Veteran's Exemption** has been signed.
9. **Approval of Town Ballot** has been signed.
10. **Request for Leave** has been signed.

11. **Abatements (2)** have been signed.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. **Letter from E. Reeves:** A letter was received from Eric Reeves stating that he requested a new assessment from Avitar and he has not received the new assessment card. Barbara said it was sent to him; however, she will mail him another copy.  
Joanne also noted that in August when Eric met with the BOS, an agreement was made that the fines against him of \$3750 would be reversed as long as he sent a letter to the Town giving up his rights to the Variance that he was granted. To date, he has not provided such a letter to the Town, and has now indicated that he will not write this letter. Jay Hickey suggested that a letter be written to Eric reiterating the agreement as it was understood by the BOS. It was decided to the Board would wait another week to allow for all three Board members to review the letter from Eric Reeves before responding.
- B. **Concord / Epsom Elks Request for Raffle:** A request was received from the Concord/Epsom Elks club to hold a raffle during their cribbage tournament on March 6. Joanne made a motion to allow the Concord/Epsom Elks club to hold a raffle which will end on March 6. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

**MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

- **Draft – February 1, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – Non-Public Minutes February 1, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – January 25, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – Deliberative Session – February 6, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as written. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **ZCO Letter**
- **Letter from Devine Millimet**

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

- **Nikolas Bassett – Passed prerequisites for FF/EMT**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD**  
**Board Member Liaison Reports**

Bob said Gary Perry did a fantastic job on Saturday with the refreshments at Deliberative Session. Bob will ask Debbie to send him & the Boy Scouts a thank you note. He's meeting with Gordon tomorrow at 2 PM regarding trees on New Orchard Road. Bob said he will ask Debbie if a letter was sent to Mrs. Nason in response to her letter.

Joanne said the Office Staff called the landlord this morning because the door to the office building is sticking and is very hard to open from either side. The handyman came by to fix it, but it is not fixed. This is a safety and a security issue. Mary Frambach also requested that there be an agreement in writing that the furnace issue will be addressed if the Town continues to lease this building.

There was a brief discussion about having to make a decision about whether the Town will continue to lease this building, based on the results of the election. This will be put on the agenda a week or two after the election.

Joanne said she feels Deliberative Session went very well, and that Jeff Keeler did a great job as Moderator.

BOS will be meeting on Tuesday, February 16 due to President's Day.

SVRTA will be meeting on Thursday, February 18 in Strafford.

Saturday, March 6 is the ICS200 Training.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 9 8am – 7 pm.

Tuesday, March 16 is Stewardship Committee Meeting 7 PM at the library.

Kathy Bailey asked the BOS for their opinion about the Warrant Article for the ZCO becoming an elected position. Joanne said it has not been discussed as a board.

Bob stated that he isn't against it, most Town positions are elected...as long as qualified people are on the ballot.

Joanne stated that having people who are properly trained/qualified is crucial and it is hard to ensure those qualifications when they are elected vs. being appointed.

Kathy asked if Bob or Joanne know why the Warrant Article was proposed & if it is a personal vendetta. Joanne said she doesn't know, and since she has been on the board – there has not been any formal complaints against our current ZCO.

**7:30 PM** Joanne made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.