

**TOWN OF EPSOM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 1, 2010**

Bob _____
Joanne _____
Keith _____

Final _____
Accepted _____
Accepted as Amended _____

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

Also in Attendance: Debbie Tibbetts; Barbara Clark; Nancy Wheeler; Rick Bilodeau

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

The BOS authorized Bob to bring the Kingstown Mylars to Tony to be signed. Keith said at this time, there are two additional mobile homes on the property than what they are permitted for. This will be the next element to be addressed.

6:30pm Staff Discussion Barbara Clark said a resident has applied for a tax abatement with the BTLA. Loren Martin from Avitar has recommended a reduction in her assessed value of \$15,800. Loren is requesting that the BOS allow her to represent the Town and settle the case. The BOS agreed to allow Loren to settle for the reduced value of \$15,800.

Debbie said the Town Reports were delivered today and they look very nice.

Nancy said she will be working on the Worker's Compensation Audit this week. She said the first Direct Deposit went very well with no problems. It went in on Wednesday last week; however it will be on Fridays from now on.

Nancy said Dick Verville called today & said he will be signing off on the final payment for the 3 culvert projects from 2009.

Rick Bilodeau sent Preliminary Damage Assessment papers to be filled out for damage that occurred due to the storm this past weekend. She has spoken to Fire, Police, Highway and Parks Departments to let them know that they need to tell Nancy the property damage their departments have sustained. She doesn't feel there is a lot of information yet for personal damage. Joanne said she'll make notes of the damage that she is aware of. Rick said we will need to provide pictures of the damage, but Nancy said the paperwork indicates not to submit the pictures right now. These papers need to be filled out by Wednesday morning.

Rick would like to have a debriefing meeting with all pertinent department heads to discuss the emergency response to this recent storm. It was decided to do this in a Non-Public session after the Department Head meeting on March 15.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** has been signed.
2. **Manifest** has been signed.
3. **Veteran's Exemption** has been signed.
4. **Abatement** – Keith made a motion to approve the abatement for parcel #R09-55 (mobile home) located at 134 Route 107 as recommended by the assessor. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. **Insurance – Proof of Loss (Old Town Library)** – Keith made a motion to authorize Bob to execute the Proof of Loss for the insurance for the old town library.
6. **Notice to Search Pending Deeding** was signed.

FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Request for Charitable Exemption – Elder Trust of Florida, Inc.** Keith made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemption for Elder Trust of Florida, Inc. for 2010 as per previous legal decision. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
- B. Pole License** – Keith made a motion to approve the Pole Licenses for Towle Pasture Road # 2024/4 & 2024/3. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – February 22, 2010** - Joanne made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – February 17, 2010**- Joanne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – February 8, 2010**- Joanne made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Letter from The Munilaw Group**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (No action required)

- MetroCast Franchise Fee Received
- Letter from ZCO
- Dollard Associates – Informative Message
- CNHRPC – Draft Coordinated Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan
- BTLA Case Denied

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD**Liaison Reports:**

Bob said the tree trimming/cutting on the right side of Echo Valley Farm Road is complete, the ditch is done & it is rip-rapped. The ditch on the left is done about halfway up. The roads will be posted either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Keith reported that the Planning Board continued the Bartlett application at its meeting last week, but a final decision should be made sometime in the near future.

Joanne said due to the wind/rain storm of February 25 - 27 the BOS met at various times, at various locations and over the phone, to discuss emergency actions to be taken in order to assist citizens. It was decided not to open a shelter, but would offer transportation to the Red Cross shelter at Concord High School for residents who were in need. The EOC was opened,

but it was operated through the Town Office. The Web EOC was used to communicate road closings, etc.

Joanne said a check in \$28,155.76 was received by the town from MetroCast according to our franchise agreement – which is 3% of the revenue.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 9th from 8 AM – 7 PM. The school is available to set up the voting booths after 3 PM on Monday.

March 10th at 7 PM is the Public Hearing for the Master Plan during the Planning Board meeting.

March 16 at 7 PM is the Stewardship Committee meeting at the library.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 25.

Joanne created an Inspection Report for Town Buildings, and Jay will start utilizing the form when checking on the buildings.

Keith said he spoke to Betsy about her involvement in seeking businesses to come to Epsom. Betsy told Keith she has been speaking with a supermarket that is aware of the space available in town. They discussed reopening the Economic Development Committee and she has gathered some information from a neighboring town that Keith will review & then share with the BOS.

7:15 Joanne made a motion to go into Non-Public session under RSA 91:A 32(a). Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

7:45 The Board came out of Non-Public session.

7:48 PM Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.