

**TOWN OF EPSOM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 8, 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: Jesus Ostalanza; Dawn Blackwell; Barbara Clark; Nancy Wheeler

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

6:15pm **Exit Interview – Police Department** Joanne made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

6:38pm **Staff Discussion** Barbara said all inventories were returned – they were completed by PMHS students for community service. Barbara said the roads have been posted since last Wednesday. Joanne asked Barbara about the ICS training that requires employees to enter their SSN in order to take the test on line, which some employees do not want to do. In order for the town to be eligible for FEMA funds, certain employees need to be certified. There was a brief discussion about what employees are required to be certified. Joanne will contact the Emergency Management Director, Rick Bilodeau for some clarification. Barbara said she did some research on the Public Hearing to review the Master Plan, which is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 10. She reviewed the requirements of posting the Master Plan and having a copy of the proposed plan available at the Town Office for the public. Planning Board Chairman Dan McGuire brought a copy of the modified plan on CD only to the Town Office today. The plan is very thick and contains fold out maps and the Town Office does not have the capability of reproducing the plan. Barbara didn't want to make 4 copies as requested by Dan. Barbara does not believe this was properly posted & the copy has not been available until today. Keith said he will address this issue at the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night.

Nancy said she will bring checks to the polls tomorrow to be signed. Nancy said she contacted Atty. Soltani regarding the Fairpoint Communications bankruptcy. Joanne received a reply from Atty. Soltani, but it didn't address the question she had asked. Joanne will follow-up with Town Counsel. Nancy said that Rick Bilodeau stopped by today & said FEMA will not be doing an inspection because they reached their threshold of damages. The post-disaster debriefing will not be held on March 15 as scheduled due to Rick's and Chief Yeaton's unavailability. Joanne said she advised Rick that he needs to provide an alternate date and will follow-up with him

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** was signed.
2. **Manifest** was signed.
3. **Payroll** was signed.

4. **Abatements (3)** – Dawn explained one abatement that was requested due to a check being sent to the office & it was misplaced, this one was approved. The two other abatement requests were denied.
5. **Automotive Recycling Dealer Application:** Keith made a motion to approve the application for Automotive Recycling Dealer Application by Rick Belanger dba Ponderosa Salvage. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. **Veteran's Exemption** was signed.
7. **Intent to Cut** was signed.

FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Properties to Deed in May** – these were reviewed, but further review is necessary, due to the number of properties.
- B. **Request for Charitable Exemption – Merrimack Valley Church, Assembly of God:** Joanne made a motion to grant this request. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- C. **BCEP Appointments:** The appointment papers for Rick Belanger as member, Jill Lavin as Alternate and Bob Blodgett as Selectmen's Representative have been presented & the BOS is supportive of these recommendations. The appointment papers were filled out & signed.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – March 1, 2010; Joanne** made a motion to approve these as amended. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – March 1, 2010 Non-Public:** Joanne made a motion to approve these as written. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – February 22, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to approve these as written. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (No action required)

- US Census Bureau
- ZCO letter
- Town Building Inspections

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Joanne said she had a discussion with Norm Gentry about Federal email retention policies, and the use of personal email. She's going to send a note to Atty. Soltani to ask him for an opinion. Joanne was appreciative of the people who went to the ICS training on Saturday. She was glad that the training took place so close to a recent weather emergency event, as there were items fresh in her mind that she was able to apply.

She would like to request that the PD hold off, after the elections, on purchasing a new cruiser until the Chief is able to provide to the BOS with some evidence of shopping around for the best price.

Joanne also said that the Highway Department still has not placed the Town seal on the Highway Department vehicles even though it has been requested previously. Bob said he will contact Gordon & remind him that the BOS has given him direction to do this. Joanne said Gordon still needs to sign up for the Mutual Aid program with the State, which will allow the Town to have access to equipment that is needed in emergency situations. There is a \$25 annual fee for this program & it can be very beneficial.

The employee badges for Barbara, Jay & Nancy have been completed & will be distributed. Joanne was thankful that these were done before Election Day.

Bob expressed appreciation to The Boy Scouts, Gary Perry & his son, Peter Muse & his children, Andrew Walton and all the others who helped to set up for the elections tomorrow.

Board Member Liaison Reports

Bob said Gordon has been chipping brush on New Orchard Road and setting rocks back where they belong. He is hoping to get finished up tomorrow.

Gary Perry asked if the participants from the Merrimack County Work Release program can help with park clean up. The BOS is supportive of this, and suggested he coordinate the transportation with Gordon, or have the Merrimack County Jail provide the transportation.

Keith said he'll be at the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday and he will address the issue of the review of the Master Plan, and recommend the reposting of the Public Hearing and have hard copies available at the Town Office.

7:53 PM Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.