

**Town of Epsom
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009**

Bob _____
Joanne _____
Keith _____

Final _____
Accepted _____
Accepted as Amended _____

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

Not Present: Keith Cota

Also in Attendance: Dave Fiorentino; Andrew Walton; Nancy Wheeler; Joni Kitson; Mary Frambach; Barbara Clark; Debbie Tibbetts; Stewart Yeaton

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

6:30pm **Staff Discussion** – Nancy asked if there were any questions on the Payroll folder. She stated the auditors will be in the main office on Wednesday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM or whenever they are done. She asked if the selectmen have signed off on the budget so it can be merged and sent to Department Heads. Joanne said yes, it is all set, so Nancy said she will get it distributed this week. Debbie & Joanne followed up on our previous discussion about asking Avitar about itemizing the tax bills. Avitar had said that if they had enough interest, they would consider implementing the software to do that. Joanne said that Debbie sent 84 letters asking other towns about their interest and we heard back from 4: Newport, Northwood and Thornton were not interested and Webster was interested only if it was at no cost. So, it appears that there is not enough interest.
Barbara said that Tammy Vaillancourt has signed her appointment papers for Budget Committee.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** – was signed.
2. **Manifest**- was processed
3. **Payroll** - was signed
4. **Veteran's Exemption** – was signed
5. **Appointment Papers** – was signed
6. **Intent to Cut (B)** – was signed

FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Summer BOS Schedule** – The summer BOS schedule will be as follows:
June 1, 15, 29 – Dept. Head Meeting June 15
July 13, 27 – Dept. Head Meeting July 27
August 10, 24 – Dept. Head Meeting August 24
- B. **Cell Phone Plan** – Joanne reviewed the cell phone plans from US Cellular, Sprint & Verizon and it appears that Verizon is

the best plan. The Verizon plan will provide all phones to military specs, and at no charge. The plan costs \$313.61 per month for 9 phones. There is no contract and it can be cancelled at any time. US Cellular and Sprint had offers as well, but the Verizon plan is the best bargain.

There is a question about whether the Planning Board is going to have a phone. Dan McGuire cancelled the Planning Board phone, but it may be better to keep the phone as part of the plan.

C. Charitable Exemption – Joanne made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemption for the Audubon Society of NH. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Bid Policy – This will be addressed at the Dept. Head Meeting

E. Hazard Mitigation - There will be a brief meeting on Wednesday night, which will last about an hour.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – March 30, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to accept the draft minutes of 3/30/09 as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Draft – March 30, 2009 Non-Public** – Bob made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 3/30/09 as written. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – March 23, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY (No action required)

- a. Highway Safety Project #315-09B-047 Approved
- b. Epsom Conservation Commission – Monitoring Reports
- c. Responses to Tax Bill Request to add info

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Fire Chief Stewart Yeaton said he's checking the water levels and the expected rainfall is less than initially anticipated. There will be some flooding, but it shouldn't be as bad as expected. He said they are keeping tabs on it & just wanted the BOS to know that.

Stewart also said there have been 4 stabbings in the past week, so the two departments are working on a SOP for backing up the Police Department with an ambulance crew on stand-by specifically for the police officers.

Bob said the interviews for BCEP have been postponed to this Thursday night.

He signed a Purchase Order for Gary Perry and Gordon Ellis.

This morning Cass Road had a big hole in the middle of it, and Bob spoke to Gordon about it.

Mary Frambach said it was fixed by about 1:30 this afternoon.

Bob said he asked Debbie to request a copy of the Library's Employee Handbook per the Board's discussion the previous week regarding the annual agreement between the Library and the Town.

Joanne said that on Tuesday afternoon, Jay Hickey reported that **HER & W** passed its junkyard inspection. There were a few of items that needed to be corrected and Len Gilman agreed to take care of them, and those items will be checked on in about 60 days. The BOS had a telephone poll vote Tuesday, March 31 as had been discussed so that the license renewal would be signed by the deadline. Jay said he'll have a summary report ready by our next BOS meeting for review.

Joanne reported that Rick Bilodeau has spent a lot of time this past week working on getting the phones set up for the Emergency Dispatch Center. Once he has cleared up some installation issues with Fairpoint, the lines will be ready to be used for the Emergency Operations Center. There are old phones in the back room here at Town Office that Rick will make use of, to avoid having to buy all new phones.

Joanne read an email from Keith in regard to replacing a police vehicle. There is an opportunity to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Explorer from Irwin Motors for \$26,000, but the deadline is April 15. There is also a request from Gordon Ellis to have the current police vehicle (the Explorer) transferred to the Highway Department. Bob would like to have Gordon explain why he wants that vehicle. Joni Kitson asked why they are replacing the Explorer, as she thought they were going to be purchasing a Crown Victoria. Bob said he also didn't know the PD was looking to replace the Explorer. Joanne noted she would ask Chief Preve to clarify the requests. There will be more discussion next Monday, April 13th.

Joanne said Keith had received an email from Wayne Preve with a list of what he would like to use the FEMA money for. Joanne had received a similar email from Chief Yeaton. These will be discussed next week at the Public Hearing to accept and expend funds.

Joanne said she received an email from Norm Gentry at Circle 9 Campground, and he advised the BOS that he is applying for a grant through his campground insurance company which will award a local fire department with \$10,000.00. This is a private grant, which does not need to go through the BOS.

Joanne said she received an email from Tony Soltani and he suggested that the BOS have a quick Non-Public Session regarding Lena Lane.

7:22 Joanne made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e)

7:28 Joanne made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session.

Joanne said Keith had a question about the water damage at the Town Hall. She noted that Barb had already addressed the question to Keith directly.

There is a report available from the Epsom Conservation Commission. Also, Joanne stated that Epsom Central School had provided an updated "School Report Card" to each Selectman. There are additional copies in the foyer.

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