

**Town of Epsom
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2009**

Bob _____
Joanne _____
Keith _____

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In Attendance: Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Keith Cota
Not In Attendance: Joanne Randall, Vice Chairman

Other Attendees: Kathy Bailey, Union Leader; Mary Frambach; Barbara Clark; Debbie Tibbets;
Dave Fiorentino; Gordon Ellis; Betsy Bosiak; Dan McGuire

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

6:38pm **Staff Discussion** – Barbara said Property Liability Trust is coming on Friday morning to do the appraisal on the new library building & the Meetinghouse building.
The Census people were here today and will be here every day until Thursday (and possibly Friday), and they possibly could come for another week in May. There were about 12 people here for training today.
Keith said that he spoke to Adam Towne at the last Planning Board meeting about the expired bond on Wood Cote Drive & Albert Nye Drive, and Adam indicated that he would like to come before the BOS to ask for a bond extension. Keith indicated that he directed Adam to speak to Barbara about getting on the Board’s agenda to address the bond requirements for his development roads. Keith said he reviewed an email letter from Mary Lou Keane (Trustee of Cemetarys) to Alison Parodi asking about Gosseville Cemetery being transferred to the Town. He noted that this transfer may require a warrant article. Barbara suggested that the BOS review the Cemetary Trustees minutes for further explanation.
Debbie Tibbetts said she is working on the website & hopefully everything is up to date as of today. On Wednesday she will be learning how to place a link on the site that will direct you to another site.
The Board asked that a hearing be tentatively set to accept the FEMA Funds for the 2007 Flood & 2008 Ice Storm for May 18, 2009.

6:54pm **Gordon Ellis**
Keith asked about an expedited wetlands permit to replace a culvert on the former railroad corridor located off Black Hall Road. Keith asked where the money will be coming from. Gordon said he’ll be applying for FEMA funds to pay for it, or be seeking other donated funds. Depending on how much money the town can receive will determine the amount of work that is done. Gordon stated the wetlands permit will be good for 5 years, and some parts of the process are lengthy.
Keith asked if Gordon was aware of the Salt Procurement Meeting last week, and asked if we are able to buy salt from the state. Gordon said he’s been able to buy the town’s salt needs through District 6, which is cheaper than the state sells it for in District 5.

Gordon stated in regard to the Waring property on Chestnut Pond Road which has been foreclosed on by the bank. He would like to charge them for the expenses incurred due to the silt filling up the ditches. He said he had to do work up there last year, but did not bill them. There is about a 70'-80' drop from the top of the driveway to the bottom and all the silt washes down and into the drainage ditches. Gordon would like to know the proper procedure for billing the homeowner for these expenses. Gordon stated the State is also taking action for a DES Violation on this property right now – due to silt washing on to abutting property. Keith asked Betsy for some input on this because she was the Planning Board Chairperson at the time. Betsy stated that the house was built in a different place than the original plan, and also the house & driveway were never completed. Gordon & Bob both stated the house has only been framed. Barbara said she believes Jay has already sent the homeowner a letter. Keith asked what Gordon would need to do in order to fix the problem. Gordon said a catch basin & ditch would need to be put in. Keith would like to see the letter that Jay has written the property owner, and needs Gordon to provide a dollar amount of what this has cost the town, and this will be placed on the agenda for further discussion next week.

Gordon said in regard to Woodside property on North Road, he spent another \$1000 in that area. He said the culvert upstream is too small, and so when we get a lot of rain it washes out the culvert at the Woodside property. Gordon said he would like to increase the size of the culvert upstream and replace the culvert at the Woodside property. This will resolve the problem of spending about \$1000 every time we get a lot of rain. Keith said that in this case, the Town can expend money on private property because by increasing the size of the culvert upstream under the town road– it will create a problem downstream, which we will need to correct. The property owner will need to agree to sign a drainage easement before the work can be done.

Keith asked Gordon about his interest in the Police Department vehicle. Gordon said next year is fine – he just wanted his interest in the vehicle to be noted.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Manifest (2)** have been signed.
2. **Abatement (8)** have been signed.
3. **Timber Tax (4)** have been signed.
4. **Appointment Papers – ZBA (3)** Keith made a motion to appoint John Dodge as the Planning Board liaison to the ZBA for the period of 4/27/09 – March election 2010. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
Keith made a motion to appoint Mark Riedel as an Alternate to the ZBA for the period of 4/27/09 – March election 2010.
Keith made a motion to appoint Alan Quimby as a full member to the ZBA from 4/27/09 – April 1, 2012. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. **Appointments to the CNHRPC** – Keith made a motion to appoint Chris Porter & Betsy Bosiak to the CNHRPC Transportation Committee to represent the Town of Epsom, Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. **LCHIP 15-Year Stewardship Agreement** – Keith said Attorney Soltani has approved this agreement. Keith made a motion to enter into the 15 year agreement with LCHIP for the Epsom Meetinghouse. Bob seconded the motion.

All in favor. As part of the LCHIP program, Keith has asked George Carlson to develop a charter for a Stewardship Committee.

FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Correspondence by ZCO** – Dave Fiorentino is here tonight with a copy of a letter he sent to the BOS in regard to ZBA conditions that were placed on his Variance. He feels that Jay Hickey is unfairly misinterpreting one of the conditions and wants the BOS to override Jay's decision. He hopes to get this resolved without having to sue the Town. Keith stated that the BOS does not have the authority to override an interpretation by Jay Hickey. Keith stated he understands Dave's frustration, but the only way to resolve this problem is to appeal the ZCO's interpretation to the ZBA. Dave is upset that he'll have to pay the application and abutter fees again. Keith stated that the ZBA does not have the rights to waive the fees, but Dave could request that the BOS waive the fees for reapplication. Dave indicated that he would like the BOS to speak to Jay – and if they won't, then he does request the fees be waived. Keith said it will be brought up for further discussion next week when Joanne is in attendance.
- B. **Health Alert – Swine Flu** – Keith stated that he received correspondence from Joanne that Rick Bilodeau has received some information from the CDC on the Swine Flu. A link to the CDC will be placed on the Town Website, and will also be placed on the TV screen. The information has been sent to the Epsom Bible School and Epsom Central School, however, Rick overlooked Pathfinder Academy and will deliver that information to Pathfinder.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – April 20, 2009** – Keith made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – April 13, 2009** - Keith made a motion to approve these minutes. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Letter from Town Counsel

MISCELLANEOUS FOLDER

- Air Quality Awareness Week notice from DES
- Information about Medical Reserve Corps – forwarded to Fire Department & Rick Bilodeau
- Legislative Bulletin

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Dawn has asked the BOS to review the list of properties that are up for Tax Deed due to non-payment of taxes. Keith said he only found two properties that he feels would be worth proceeding in taking the deed due to nonpayment of taxes:

Lot U01-111 (.42 acre lot with a SF home on corner of Route 107). Keith stated if the Town takes this deed; it may be possibly that this non-conforming lot could be sold to an abutter.

Lot U15-30 (2.2 acre vacant parcel on Short Falls Road). There is currently flooding in this area, so this would give the town the opportunity to take ownership and control property damage caused by flooding through not allowing building on that parcel.

Keith and Bob recommend that we continue the tax lien on the remaining parcels.

Liaison Reports:

Bob said Gary Perry said they are still working on the ball fields. Bob said Gary Perry said there are loads of ground wasps all across the ball field, and would like permission to call an exterminator. Keith and Bob both agreed that he needs to do that, but it will need to come from his budget. There is a Parks & Recreation meeting in Barnstead on May 5 – if Gary is not able to attend, then Bob will try to attend.

Bob said a vehicle was parked by the handicapped entrance at the Meetinghouse all weekend. He is concerned about an accident happening there. Mary Frambach & Keith both stated that there is a driveway permit issued for the new driveway and the old driveway is still permitted for access to the old town hall.

Bob said Dick Frambach requested some fill to replace the material that was taken from the Frambach's property. Bob said he will make sure that it is replaced.

Keith said at the Planning Board meeting last week, there was more discussion about the Bartlett subdivision and they will come back for further discussion at a later date. There was discussion about Albert Nye Drive and Wood Cote drive being connected. This will result in about 2300' of new town road.

Keith said he received a call from one of the Town's Police Officers who said he was approached by Rick Bilodeau in regard to name badges. The officer expressed concern for the multiple town logos on the badge including Police and Fire. Keith noted that the officer cautioned how the badges could be misused. Keith suggested that Rick come before the board with some badge samples and show the BOS what the badges will look like. Keith will contact Rick for further clarification.

8:20 PM Keith made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.