

**Town of Epsom  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 2009**

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

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

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

Other Attendees: Chief Wayne Preve; Jesus Ostolaza; George Carlson; Kathy Bailey, Union Leader; Mary Frambach; Barbara Clark; Nancy Wheeler; State Representative Carole Brown

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

**Wayne Preve, Chief of Police** – Introduced new hire Jesus Ostolaza, who started with the Epsom Police Department today. He has already graduated from the Police Academy and previously worked for Pembroke Police Dept. He will be learning paperwork for the first 3 weeks and then will go on Midnight shifts.

**6:30pm**

**Staff Discussion**

**Barbara Clark** – update on the drainage property on Route 4 beside Gosseville Cemetery that Gordon has said he'd like to acquire for the purposes of drainage. She called the BTLA, but has not received any response yet. Keith stated that we need to review the drainage encumbrance on this property deed so we are sure we can use it for drainage. As for the McGrail property, she is waiting for Bob Griggs to get back to her. So, both are currently on hold. A decision needs to be made by June 1.

**Nancy Wheeler** – She has provided a copy of the budget expenditures to date, and Keith noted that 66% is left in our budget for the remainder of the year. The final payment of the library bond is in tonight's paperwork to be signed.

She said the seminar she went to last week was very informative.

Nancy has been working with Mark Stewart from Verizon to try to get the cell phone plan set up. A question remains about the Planning Board phone, and a decision needs to be made tonight as to whether they will keep a phone. A question also remains about the division of the 2300 minutes in the plan between each department. The BOS advised Nancy to proceed without the phone for the Planning Board – if the need arises to add one later, we can do that. The Board advised Nancy to move forward with the plan as stated with 8 phones and 2300 minutes for the next 3 months and we will revise the plan if necessary.

Dick Verville is coming in on Wed. to meet with Nancy & Gordon about the Hazard Mitigation funds.

**FOR SIGNATURE**

1. **Accounts Payable** – has been signed.
2. **Manifest** – has been signed.
3. **Requests for Leave** – have been signed.
4. **NH Retirement** – has been signed.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Drainage Easement – D. Woodside at 551 North Road –**  
Reviewed the drainage easement – needs to be reviewed by Town Counsel, and revisited next week.
- B. Wareing Drainage History (Chestnut Pond Road) –** Keith said he provided this information to Jay Hickey & Tony Soltani; the history of the site was reviewed, and it appears that there are two items that need to be addressed. Tony is going to issue an order of nuisance, and will include an invoice of expenses to date and demand payment or it will be added to the tax bill. He will also tell them that they are in jeopardy of having their building permit revoked. Jay will issue a statement of non-compliance to the Planning Board. Jay reported a wetland complaint with DES, and DES agreed that they are in violation and the property owner has until May 30, 2009 to correct the issue.
- C. Charter Epsom Historic Structures Stewardship Committee –** Joanne said that once Tony approves this charter, she'll ask the office staff to advertise for members of this committee.
- D. Correspondence from Town Counsel –** This is the response back to the court regarding Mr. Elliott. With this information the court can make an official ruling.
- E. NH DOT -** they have processed our request for reimbursement for work done on Center Hill Road.
- F. Heating Oil - Out to Bid-** Joanne said this was discussed at the Suncook Valley Regional Town meeting, and this is a good time of year to start looking at prices. The Board agreed to have Debbie prepare the information for the next meeting so the Town can move forward in the bid process.

**MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

- **Draft – May 4, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to accept these draft minutes. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – April 27 2009** - Joanne made a motion to accept these final minutes. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Correspondence from Town Counsel

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD**

George Carlson said Rymes will be installing a propane gas tank on the north side of the Meetinghouse, on the other side of the entrance ramp. It will be a 500 gallon above-ground tank for the time being. Mary Frambach stated that the library had problems with billing from Rymes Oil. Joanne said she'll make Nancy aware to keep a close eye on the billing.

Joanne said she reviewed the link that Keith sent out about the Suncook River and suggested the link be added to the Town Website. The Board agreed.

Bob said the salt prices do not come out until July – but we get a better price from District 6 than District 5, and the price includes delivery. Bob said he spoke to Gordon about the carbide blades and we only use one because we use subcontractors who provide their own blades.

**Liaison Reports:**

Bob said the ball field is coming along very well.

A resident wanted to know why the gate was still up at the swimming hole, and said they would not stock the river until the gate was down. Gary Perry will have the water tested as soon as the water recedes a little. There is still debris on the bottom of the river, and there is no money to have the river dredged. Bob is very hesitant to open the river for swimming when you can see the wood & debris on the bottom of the river. Bob wondered if the swimming hole can be opened with a sign that says “Swim at your own risk” or “No swimming”. Mary Frambach suggested contacting the LGC – since they carry our insurance, and check with Tony as well before putting such a sign up.

Keith said he discussed with Tony the driveway ordinance, and drafted sample Driveway Regulations. He felt the BOS may have problems adopting a Driveway Ordinance since it's regulated by the Planning Board. Tony suggested asking the PB to adopt these Driveway Regulations which would be under their control. Keith will present this to the PB.

Keith said he has not had time to respond to Joanne's request for the speed limit change on Route 4 once the hospital facility opens. He will do so.

Joanne had a Suncook Valley Regional Town Association meeting last week and a gentleman from the Dept. of Revenue was there talking about assessing. In order to save money, towns of similar size & structure should work together & no more than 3 towns.

They discussed purchasing office supplies in bulk – but most towns are pretty particular about paper & other supplies. More information will be gathered and will be decided if money can be saved by purchasing as a group.

Bob said the bids are up on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> for the Old Town Hall. Joanne said Andrew Walton offered to check out town buildings on a weekly basis. Keith suggested he become part of the Building Stewardship Committee.

Joanne said some of the other towns sent their Hazard Mitigation Plans to FEMA and they were sent back with some feedback – particularly about roads. Joanne is meeting with Gordon, and will revise the Plan before it's submitted to FEMA.

State Representative Carole Brown said that Senate Bill 10 is going to the House tomorrow. Keith said we need about 4 million dollars. We have \$50K out of the CDBG Grant, and we are still working with DES to try to get more funds from FEMA. The river continues to cause damage with each heavy rainfall.

**7:50 PM** Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.