

**TOWN OF EPSOM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, May 24, 2010**

Bob _____
Joanne _____
Keith _____

Draft _____
Accepted _____
Accepted as Amended _____

Present: Joanne Randall, Chairperson; Bob Blodgett; Darlene Phelps, Recording Secretary

Not in Attendance: Keith Cota, Vice Chairman;

Also in Attendance: Gordon Ellis; Mary Frambach; Scott Sewade; Kathy Bailey; Barbara Clark; Caron Pludra-Olson; John Dodge; Paul & Sandra Pfaff; Mark Tetrault; Luanne Cummings; John Olson; Carol Ehmling; David Tucker; Cecilia Rouleau; Gregg Rouleau; Alton Whittier

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

6:15pm **Gordon Ellis – Bid Correction for New Orchard Road Paving** - Gordon said he made an addition error on the bids that were reviewed last week and the amounts are different, however Advanced is still the lowest bid.

Joanne made a motion to ratify the bid awarded to Advanced for New Orchard Road paving for \$445,445.00. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

6:30pm **Staff Discussion**

Barbara Clark updated the BOS on the office move. She reported that the carpets are being installed tomorrow. The energy audit was completed & the electricians are installing the new energy efficient lighting on Wednesday. Cable, electricity & the phones are all scheduled to be installed on Thursday. All data & voice lines will be tested on Friday.

The locks are being changed and Barbara will be passing out the 5 office keys, and BOS keys. The meeting room door keys will be passed out to appropriate Department Heads.

The generator has been disconnected & Bob is coordinating the transfer of it. Only the “guts” of the wiring will be removed – the casing will be left in place, then there will be no holes in the wall. The alarm system has been disconnected.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Manifests** were signed.
2. **Abatements (6)** were signed.
 - * Joanne made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map U16-8-1 as recommended by Avitar. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - * Joanne made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map U05-59 as recommended by Avitar. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - * Joanne made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map U15-15 as recommended by Avitar. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - * Joanne made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map U05-12, U05-16-1, U17-12, U18-6 as recommended by Avitar. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. **Doomage Letters (4)** (People who fail to file timber tax reports) were signed.

6:30 PM With a large group of people from Lord's Mill Road in attendance tonight to discuss concerns about the new light at the Route 107 intersection, Joanne advised the group that this discussion is not on the agenda due to a miscommunication with the office. Keith is attempting to get the engineer who designed the project to come to a BOS meeting to address citizen concerns. And since Keith is not here tonight, there will not be any decisions made. Caron Olson has organized this citizen's group and asked to have 5 minutes to address the BOS even though Keith is not here. Joanne agreed and stated that a future date will be decided for everyone to come back for a meeting.

Caron explained that they are very happy with the traffic light, as it solves a very large problem. However now there is a problem for residents who stop at the light headed east – and when the light turns green, the driver has approx. 3 seconds to put their turn signal on & make the turn. Other residents indicated their desire for a center turn lane which they feel could solve the problem. Caron said she has spoken to Greg Green at NHDOT and he stated that this is a "town problem".

Some residents expressed frustration that the first time they were aware of the project was when ground was broken at the site. One resident inquired about the speed limit, and wondered why it was not lowered nearer to the light.

Another resident expressed his frustration at turning east out of Lords Mill Road – as there is little opportunity to get out in traffic, and another said there is no sign telling of the upcoming intersection when headed west (passing Louis Pizza). Bob said there has been some discussion about moving the entrance to Lords Mill Road, but there have been no decisions – only discussion.

Joanne thanked everyone who took time to come to this meeting tonight, and apologized for the miscommunication, and told Caron to stay in contact with Debbie in the office and when Keith is back a mutually acceptable date will be set.

Caron inquired about past BOS minutes when this was discussed, and Joanne said she'll try to locate them & will let Caron know what she finds.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – May 17, 2010** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – May 10, 2010** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

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- Letter from Tarbell & Brodich & letter from the Munilaw Group

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (No action required)

- MetroCast Independent Auditor's Report
- The Munilaw Group Letter
- ZCO Letters
- LGC's Knowing the Territory – A Survey of Municipal Law for NH Local Officials
- Town Building Inspection Reports

- **Conservation Commission Report** – A report from Alison Parodi was reviewed. A town forest conservation hike is scheduled for July 3.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Board Member Liaison Reports: Bob reported that Gordon will be doing small jobs in order to take some vacation time this week.

Gary Perry is working on leveling out the field then some loam will be brought in. This will make the skating rink easier to put up & take down next year.

Joanne said the results of the PD survey that was sent out via the SVRTA was received. She has not had time to fully review the results.

Joanne said the Epsom FD responded to the Johnson's farm fire last week.

Joanne said Bruce Dyke from SVRTA asked her to discuss the information about insurance with the other BOS members. There will not be any decisions without Keith in attendance, but since this is time sensitive, she asked Bob to review it so it can be discussed when Keith gets back.

Mary Frambach commented that there were meetings held in town in regard to the new Route 107 light, and those were advertised and suggested that it is a citizen's responsibility to be aware of what is going on in town.

Kathy Bailey asked for clarification about the water quality/septic issues at the Bartlett Trailer Park. Joanne briefly described the issue & said that Jay is working with the owner & DES to try to help get the issues resolved.

Kathy asked if the members chosen for the ZCO committee could be released and Joanne advised her that they are in last week's minutes.

7:10 PM Bob seconded the motion. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.