

**Town of Epsom  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Monday, June 1, 2009**

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

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

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

**Not in Attendance:** Keith Cota

**Also in Attendance:** Barbara Clark; Debbie Tibbetts; Nancy Wheeler; Eric Orff; Sarah Harkness Nelson; Tom Hardy; State Representative Carole Brown

- 6:15pm** Bob called the meeting to order and asked Joanne to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 6:23pm** Joanne made a motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA III:2e. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 6:25pm** Joanne made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 6:30pm** **Staff Discussion** – Nancy said the auditor was here last week auditing the Federal grant money received. She had read in our minutes about Joanne suggesting changing our fiscal year. Joanne responded that the primary reason is that the budget would be in place before the fiscal year began. Nancy expressed her concern about tax billing, etc., and would like everything to be considered carefully before moving forward.
- 6:45pm** **Friends of Suncook River** – Eric Orff is representing the Friends of the Suncook River. He would like to have a kayak trip at the swimming hole on Father’s Day; starting around 9 AM – until about 1 PM. He doesn’t have very much information about participation, as he wanted permission from the BOS before moving forward. Joanne told Eric that the Town is waiting for the water tests to come back, and we don’t know yet what is at the bottom of the river. Eric stated it would be kayaking only – not swimming – and his group recognizes that this would be done “at their own risk”. Joanne and Bob said the gate would need to be opened at the beginning of the event – and then closed until the event is over. Eric said most vehicles would be parked someplace else. Joanne and Bob said this would be approved as long as it is supervised. He will be in touch as the event moves forward!
- 7:00pm** **Public Hearing - Application for Discretionary Barn Easement** – Bob opened the Public Hearing for Sarah Harkness Nelson under RSA 79D. The two barns are located on Sanborn Hill Road. One is 2800 SF and one 1540 SF. There are two layers of asbestos shingles on the barns. Sarah said there are some windows being replaced now. The BOS needs to go look at the barns. Joanne & Bob took Sarah’s number and will contact her to go for a visit. Bob asked if anyone in the public has any comments / questions. Jay Hickey stated that the barns are unique & historical and the road is scenic and he feels

the exemption of 75% would be appropriate, as that is more desirable than it being developed so it is worthwhile to keep the barns there.

7:14pm

Being no other public comment, Bob closed the public hearing.

#### FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** – has been signed.
2. **Manifest** – has been signed.
3. **Payroll** – has been signed.
4. **Abatements** – has been signed.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **NHDOT Preliminary Estimate – Bridge Aid Echo Valley Farm Road over Griffin Brook** – We are required to have \$87K before applying for this grant. Currently, there is \$85,910 in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/08. However, we would have the required full amount of \$87K by the time the project is finished. Joanne made a motion to move forward with the application process on the Echo Valley Farm Road over Griffin Brook project. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- B. **Public Notice – Proposed Change to Buck Street Dam** – We received a notice from the Town of Pembroke in regards to the State plans to change the Buck Street Dam.
- C. **NH Federal Credit Union** – Debbie wrote a letter to NHFCU requesting membership, Bob has signed and it will be mailed.

#### MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – May 26, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – May 18, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### CONFIDENTIAL

Small Claim Complaint (non-public)

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

##### **Liaison Reports –**

Joanne was approached by the elders at Epsom Bible Church who extended an invitation to all Town Officials and their spouses for a breakfast, to express their appreciation for their service to the town. Joanne will compile a list of Town Officials.

Keith sent an email to Joanne saying that he spoke to Chief Wayne Preve about the unregistered vehicles on Copperline Road.

Joanne stated that Norm Gentry would like to come before the BOS to discuss the funding for the website. Bob said he heard some negative feedback that there was nothing on the website about the Memorial Day festivities.

Joanne said Paul Gallagher is interested in joining the Website Committee.

Joanne spoke to Rick Bilodeau about the letter to potentially be sent to residents asking if they have any special needs. Rick said that sort of information would be filtered through the Fire Department and he will speak to Stewart Yeaton about it. Debbie is looking into the cost of a bulk mailing.

Hazard Mitigation Committee – Joanne said everything has been sent to FEMA and the rep should be reviewing the report in the next couple of weeks and if it is accepted, then it will be presented to the BOS for acceptance. The committee has been established & there will be quarterly updates.

Bob said Gordon had the salt yard paved and re-routed the drainage.

The water has been tested at the swimming hole and for now it is still closed. We need to see if there is any FEMA money to pay for dredging which must be done before the swimming hole is opened.

State Representative Carole Brown gave us an update on SB10. Carole attended a work session for the River Avulsion Project with Pembroke Representative Belvin & Chief Mulholland went to inspect the river and the concern is the lateral move toward Black Hall Road. She said there are no funds available.

7:20 PM Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.