

**Town of Epsom
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2009**

Bob _____
Joanne _____
Keith _____

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Accepted as Amended _____

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

Also In Attendance: Brian Fleming; Matthew Harmony; Debbie Tibbetts; Barbara Clark; Nancy Wheeler; Betsy Bosiak; Kathy Bailey, Hooksett Banner; Terry Lorber w/ Provan & Lorber; Miriam Cahill-Yeaton; Norm Yeaton; Rob Topik

6:15 PM Bob called the meeting to order and asked Brian Fleming to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:20 PM Exit Interview with Brian Fleming– Police Department – Joanne told Brian that he has the right to have this exit interview in a non-public session. He waived his rights for non-public session. She congratulated Brian on his new position at Bedford PD. Brian said his primary motivation for leaving to go to the Bedford PD was the increase in salary and benefit package (step increases, tuition reimbursement, and clothing allowance). He said the Epsom PD training is very good & the department is very flexible in accommodating requests for training. He said he could not have asked for a better Chief or Sergeant to work with, and the PD is well equipped. He said improvements that he would suggest are graduated pay scale, direct deposit and dental insurance. Keith asked Brian aside from benefits, what it would take to keep him here – and his response was about a \$5K salary increase. He has been on Epsom PD for approximately 3.5 years and his overall experience with the Epsom PD has been excellent, and it was a hard decision for him to leave. The BOS wished him well at his new job.

6:35 PM Staff Discussion Debbie Tibbetts will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, 9/29. Barbara Clark will be taking over Debbie’s duties while she is gone. Department Head meeting is usually on the 3rd Monday, but since it’s Budget season, Debbie will ask the Dept. Heads to send in written reports for October.

After a brief discussion, the BOS asked Debbie to get a quote from the same company that printed the Town Report last year, and as long as the pricing is in line with last year – then the same company will be used, since everyone was pleased with the end result. Debbie will ask the Dept. Heads for ideas for the cover of the Town Report.

Nancy Wheeler went to the Budget & Finance Workshop last week. She gathered some information about the Meetinghouse Committee & the solicitation of donations. The BOS has the authority establish a non-lapsing trust fund that only private donations can be placed in. \

The fund will have a specific purpose and cannot hold any tax dollars. Nancy will provide information to Dick Frambach and The Meetinghouse Committee will have to request the BOS to open this account for the purpose they wish to use the money for. Alice Noyes has requested that the Town Band be able to store their instruments at the Old Town Hall. Nancy asked if the BOS would be closing the Old Town Hall down for

the winter. Discussion about closing the building for the winter will be placed on the agenda for next week.

7:00 PM Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Project

Bob opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant for Family Estates Cooperative. Donna Lane stated that a prior Public Hearing had to be held in order to accept the funds for this work and now this hearing must be held to allow comments on the completed work before the project can be closed. Terry Lorber described the work that was done on septic pump stations, cable upgrades, electrical panel, booster pump station, and backup generator for the park's well. Keith asked if most units are on pump system for septic and whether the other subsurface systems are that were not replaced in good working order. Mr. Lorber responded yes – they are all on the pump system now and the remainder of the systems is working fine. The work is complete and all of the money has been spent (\$77K). The CDBG Audit was done today. Bob asked if there are any questions or comments from the public. Matthew Harmony stated that the residents in the park are appreciative of the work. Joanne thanked Donna for all of her work on this project.

7:13 PM Bob closed the public hearing.

For Signature:

1. **Accounts Payable** was signed.
2. **Manifest** was signed
3. **Current Use Update** was signed
4. **Commendation – BCEP – Jim Plumb** was signed.
5. **NHDOT Public Safety Interoperable Communication Grant** was signed.

For Discussion:

- A. **Robert Elliot Reimbursement Request** – A letter will be sent to Mr. Elliot reiterating the BOS former decision.
- B. **CASA Funding Request** This is a request from CASA to include \$500 in our 2010 budget. In the past the BOS has declined to send these types of donations. The BOS has decided not to support this request. There was a similar request from the Red Cross in another folder and was also not acted upon.
- C.

Confidential:

- **Letter from Devine Millimet – Summary**

Minutes for Review and Discussion

- **Draft September 14, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Draft September 21, 2009** – Joanne made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Keith seconded the motion. Bob & Joanne in favor. Keith abstained as he was absent.

For Your Information (no action required)

- Quarterly Hazard Mitigation Meeting held via e-meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Joanne stated that she has been made aware that Black Hall Road will be closed from Rhodora Drive to Towle Pasture Drive from 10/1 – 10/3 while the new culvert is installed.

Bob said River Road was re-graded & paved, and the culvert has been replaced on North Road. There was some work done on Swamp Road also. Bob & Gordon will be going up to Sanborn Hill Road to look at the trees that Gordon wants to trim or remove, and if they are not yet marked, then they will take care of it.

Keith said he gave Chief Preve the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association survey & will be meeting with him to discuss the Police Department budget tomorrow.

Keith will be meeting with the Town Office Building Committee to continue discussion on concept plans for a new 2-story building.

Keith spoke to Steve Landry about the River Avulsion. He had been waiting for the Emergency Management Plan, which has now been completed, and so we are ready to proceed with applying for grant money.

Keith will be out from 10/18 – 10/31 and will not be able to be contacted by phone, but will have limited email access.

Keith has a statement of current Escrow Amounts for road projects under subdivisions. This question came about as a result from a recent Planning Board inquiry as to acceptance of new Town Roads.

Joanne said the quarterly Hazard Mitigation Meeting scheduled for 10/1, is going to be an “e-meeting” as everyone is busy planning for the POD drill.

A Website Committee meeting was held and some local businesses were contacted to see if they would be interested in advertising on the Town Website. Norm will be following up with the results.

The \$1200 donation for the stained glass window for the Meetinghouse will be able to be put toward the match amount of the grant that Penny Graham has been working on.

Suncook Valley Regional Town Association Meeting will be 10/28 PM at 7:00 PM at the Chichester Town Hall.

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