

**TOWN OF EPSOM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Monday, November 9, 2009

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

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

**Present:** Joanne Randall, Vice Chairman; Keith Cota; Darlene Phelps, Recording Secretary

**Not in Attendance:** Bob Blodgett, Chairman

**Also in Attendance:** Kathy Bailey; State Rep. Carole Brown; Betsy Bosiak; Mary Frambach; Miriam Yeaton

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

**6:30 PM Staff Discussion:** Barbara said an insurance claim has been filed for damage at the old library building, and asked Carole Brown to update the BOS. Carole said due to a furnace malfunction, the entire interior of the old library building is covered with soot. She will be meeting with the claims adjuster. The building has been emptied, and the contents placed in a storage trailer provided by Scott Decota, and Rick Belanger provided a dumpster at no charge. Barbara said there are some pieces of furniture that have been left there, and they will be cleaned. The adjuster feels confident that the floors will clean up fine.

Keith suggested holding a public hearing for adoption of the new FEMA floodplain maps. The hearing will be scheduled for December 7 at 7:00 PM. This is the same night that the State Dam Bureau will be coming to the BOS meeting with a presentation about the Buck Street Dam and whether it will be moved, or what other options there are.

#### FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Manifest** has been signed.
2. **Stewardship Committee Appointments** were signed for Richard Frambach, Glenna Nutter, Bobbie Mungeon & Sharon Burnston. Joanne said she spoke to Andrew Walton & he is not interested in being appointed to this committee at this time. One more member is needed for this committee.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **504 Self-Evaluation Plan for Handicap Accessibility Adoption:** This is required because of the CDBG. The draft was reviewed, and Joanne will ask Debbie to prepare the final copy for signature next week.
- B. **Suncook River Restoration Project Award of Conservation Grant:** A letter confirming that the grant money of \$100K was withdrawn due to lack of matching funds and the Town is now moving forward with a new plan.
- C. **Health Insurance:** Keith and Joanne discussed the options available, and have decided to proceed with

“Option 2” (maintain current co-pay coverage with change to prescription plan for a 5.8% adjustment). Barbara will let Melisa from LGC know what plan was chosen so she can prepare the paperwork for signature.

**D. King Information Systems, Inc. – Records**

**Management:** This is a request from the Epsom Building Committee to determine the file space needs for the Town when the new town office building is built. Keith said the committee would like to have this evaluation done by the end of December. This will be placed back on the agenda for next week when Nancy is back from vacation.

**E. Request to use Old Town Hall – EYAA Fundraising:**

EYAA would like to use the Old Town Hall building for a delivery of their citrus fundraiser. They would only need it for one day – no storage, just a place for the delivery to be made and for parents to pick up the items. A copy of their insurance certificate was provided. Joanne made a motion to allow the EYAA to use the Old Town Hall building on a date to be determined, for delivery & distribution of their fundraising items. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

## MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – November 2, 2009:** Keith made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final– October 26, 2009:** Keith made a motion to approve these minutes. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION (No action required)

- Map R6 Lot 6 Sub Lot 38                      Storage Shed w/o Permit
- Map U8-10                                      Unlawful Two-Family Residence
- Letter of Resignation received from Val Long, Supervisor of the Checklist due to increased work responsibility.
- CDBG Application Writing Workshop

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD

Keith & Joanne reviewed the final proposed budget and made estimated adjustments to the Health Insurance line in each department’s budget, based on the increase of 5.8% vs. 11.4%, due to the new health insurance option chosen. Keith made a motion to accept the proposed budget to be presented to the Budget Committee of \$2,728,795.00 with the 5.8% Health Insurance adjustment. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

Keith and Joanne both commented that each department head has done a fine job of preparing their budgets this year. The 2010 proposed budget shows an increase of less than ½%.

Liaison Reports:

Keith attended the Wednesday morning Suncook River meeting with Steve Landry. This was a review of the USGS flood analysis study, which is only available at their office in Pembroke. There was also a presentation by the NHDES Dam Bureau about the Buck Street Dam. Then there was discussion about the recommended approach for stabilizing the Suncook River. There were several residents in attendance that were in favor of restoring the river to its original location. Keith gave a brief summary of the meeting. Keith said he was asked to not participate further with this issue, due to his bias for putting the river back to its original location and because he works for the State of NH. Keith responded that he would ask the other Selectmen if they would prefer that he no longer represents the Town of Epsom and the Board of Selectmen on this committee. Joanne said she would not be in favor having Keith step down. Keith reported that the Epsom Building Committee met with the architect who designed the library building. George is investigating whether there is financial assistance available to advance the design and develop reliable cost figures. There is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night with further discussion about the Bartlett subdivision.

Joanne said she has been reviewing the Economic Development Committee, with thoughts of possibly re-establishing it.

She is also continuing to review the Policy Manual.

7:40 PM Keith made a motion to adjourn. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.