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 Joanne _____
 Keith _____

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TOWN OF EPSOM
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Monday, December 1, 2008

Present: Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Joanne Randall, Vice-Chairman; Keith Cota; Darlene McIntosh, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance: Andrew Walton, Dave Fiorentino; Mary Frambach; Nancy Wheeler

6:15pm Bob called the meeting to order and asked Andrew Walton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:30pm Staff Discussion

Nancy Wheeler asked about the Board discussion from last week regarding the generator maintenance agreement. Joanne explained that the BOS is investigating the option of having a generator maintenance agreement for the generator at Town Office & the one at the Police Department. Bob said he spoke to Larry Barton and Larry will be providing the BOS with a proposal for a maintenance agreement. He will be working on the generator at the Town Office on Tuesday, December 2.

In regard to Joel Robinson on Lantern Lane, Nancy said some public assistance was given by FEMA for flood damage in 2006 & 2007. She has no information about individual FEMA assistance – only the assistance given to the town. Keith said he will contact Joel Robinson by email and let him know that the file information is available at Town Office if he'd like to review it and make copies of information he wishes.

Nancy said the office does not have an electronic copy of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Joanne said she will contact Sharon at CNHRPC and ask for an electronic copy. Nancy said Planning Board might have one.

Nancy said she received a call from a reporter at the Concord Monitor and referred her to Keith. She was looking for comments on cuts on grant money. Keith said we have been awarded two Moose Plate grants; \$50,000 for the River Avulsion Study and \$10,000 for the Meetinghouse. He noted that in a recent email from the State Conservation Committee that the Moose Grant funds have been put on hold for the foreseeable future. He noted that the \$50,000 river funds may not be available to the town for the FEMA match. He will be in contact with NHDES to determine if we still can proceed forward.

Nancy said she has not heard from Stewart Yeaton about the proposed year end stipends,. She said it may be very difficult to calculate \$1000 *after taxes* as the system calculates everything automatically and taking retirement & taxes into consideration; it could be very time consuming to calculate this. There is a board consensus to set the amount at \$1100 per full time employee of the Fire Department and Police Department. This will be included in the pay period ending 12/12/08.

Joanne said per a conversation she had with Barb, she will be forwarding the Metrocast file directly to Tony for review before the BOS continues to review it.

Nancy asked why at a previous meeting there was discussion about including Cornerstone Christian School in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, as private businesses have never been included in the town's plan. Joanne responded that she was approached by Cornerstone Christian to let her know that they have their own Emergency Plan and wanted to be sure it is in line with the town's plan, and that's why she was going to put the Emergency Department in touch with them.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable was processed.**
2. **Payroll was processed.**

3. **Manifest was processed.**
4. **Abatement was signed.**
5. **Land Use Change Tax was signed**
6. **Question and Answer – Gordon Ellis** – Gordon has sent a request to the BOS to initiate a request with the State to moving the Speed Limit signs on Route 4 at the top of the hill by the new Concord Hospital building. He'd like to move the 50 MPH sign (headed west) at the bottom of the hill – almost across from the Town Shed; and move the 40 MPH sign (headed east) back near the entrance of the Town Shed. Keith noted that adjusting speed limits on State roads is the responsibility of the State, not the town. Keith said he will have a conversation with Bureau of Traffic Administrator asking if the State has plans to adjust the speed limit when the development is complete. Bob will let Gordon know that Keith is going to check on this.

FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Holiday Closings for 2009** – Barb put a list together of holidays, and four of them fall on a Monday. The office will be closed; however, the BOS will meet as follows:

Civil Rights Day – Jan 19 – BOS meeting to be held on Jan 20

Presidents Day – Feb 16 – BOS meeting will be held on Feb 16

Memorial Day – May 25 – BOS meeting to be held on May 26

Labor Day – September 7 – BOS meeting to be held on September 8

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – November 24, 2008** – Joanne made a motion to accept the draft minutes of November 24 as amended. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – November 17, 2008** – Joanne made a motion to accept the final minutes of November 17. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.

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1. **Historical Association / Library Trustees** – will be left in the file for another week so all three Board members can review and can discuss with Tony next week.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY (No action required)

- a. **Joseph Wichert Map R2 Lot 56** – The BOS will review the original letter from the attorney.
- b. **TDBanknorth Well Sample** – Their water was tested for MBTE and passed, so their water is suitable for all uses.
- c. **NHDOT Block Grant Aid** – The BOS received a letter from DOT stating what our payments will be throughout the year. The total anticipated amount to be received is \$113572.64. Keith said 12% of the gas tax by law is used to fund these block grants.
- d. **LCHIP Check \$57,300.00 (30% of Round 7)** – Keith suggests that after Tony reviews the agreement; we invite Amy Dickson from LCHIP to a BOS meeting to discuss the agreement.
- e. **Miscellaneous Folder**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Liaison Reports:

Highway Dept:

Bob said a shaft in the sander was bent last night while sanding, so that will need to be repaired. Bob said he spoke to Gary Perry and Webster Park has been all closed up.

Joanne said she spoke to Nancy about any projects or Purchase Orders that are outstanding, that we want paid next year with this year's funds, the funds need to be encumbered before the end of the year.

The Budget Committee & Suncook Valley Regional Town Assoc. is both meeting on Thursday night. Joanne will be going to the Budget Committee Meeting. Keith said he will plan to attend the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association meeting.

Joanne said she went to the Eagle Scout ceremony on Saturday and it was very nice. She said there are several Eagle Scouts in Epsom.

Joanne said she has not yet met with Barb about members of various committees but will do so at her earliest convenience.

Mary Frambach asked why the website is a month behind on the minutes. Joanne said James Bowen is really behind on posting things to the website, due to him traveling for his new job. James is supposed to be training Debbie to update the website and she's not sure if that has been done yet. The Website Committee needs more members. Darlene suggested contacting Epsom Central School and Pembroke Academy to see if there are any students who need community service hours that would be willing to work on the website. Joanne will contact PA and Bob will contact ECS.

7:38 PM Joanne made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor.