

**TOWN OF EPSOM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, September 20, 2010**

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

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

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

**Not in Attendance:** Keith Cota, Vice Chairman

**Also in Attendance:** Andrew Walton; Gordon Ellis; Rick Bilodeau; Richard & Mary Frambach; Chief Stewart Yeaton; Chief Wayne Preve; Betsy Bosiak; Debbie Tibbetts; Barbara Clark; Dawn Blackwell; Marylou Keane; Gary Perry; Alison Parodi

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

**6:30pm Department Heads Meet:**

**Gordon Ellis, Road Agent:** Gordon stated that a resident on Chestnut Pond Road has complained about their basement flooding every spring, which is preventing them from moving into their basement. This flooding occurs due to a drain that was installed by the State of NH in 1968. Gordon stated that their home was built after this drain was installed. Gordon said they have this issue every year. Joanne suggested sending a reply to the homeowner stating that they need to address this issue with the State of NH, DES.

Gordon said on 9/8 he & Bob Blodgett responded to a complaint on Cass Road by Dick Frambach. He said they found the road to be one of the better roads in town.

Grading, ditching & weed cutting has begun & paving New Orchard Road will begin next Monday. He hopes to have the money in his budget to start some grinding on Center Hill Road from Mountain Road to the McClary Homestead. If he has the money to pave it, he will, otherwise it will remain dirt. Gordon said he & Chief Preve have discussed the PD creating a line in his budget of \$2,000 for police detail.

Gordon said he & Scott have started working 4 day weeks. The Highway Department is operating 5 days a week.

**Wayne Preve, Chief of Police:** Wayne said they have been very busy. A sobriety checkpoint was held last month & 9 arrests were made, with 3 DWI. There were another 3 DWI arrests this past weekend. A search warrant was issued on 8/27 and 130 marijuana plants were found, along with equipment. He said the 2000 Explorer is being cleaned up & getting ready for auction in October. Wayne provided a copy of the Police Detail Policy to the BOS. Wayne said he received several calls regarding the Town Forest off Tarleton Road. There is an issue with people going up there & partying, having a fire, and leaving trash. Wayne said the issue is access – as it requires a 4WD vehicle to access the property. He suggested closing the gate at the bottom so it requires people to walk up there, not drive. Chief Yeaton said he agrees that closing the gate may be the best option to try to control the amount of traffic going up there.

**Dick Frambach, Meetinghouse Committee:** He does not have anything to report tonight.

**Dawn Blackwell, Town Clerk / Tax Collector:** Dawn said they'd like to have a budget line for food for Election Day, \$150 per election, instead of relying on donations. Renewal notices by email will begin in October. She said the feedback is not many people are interested. She'd like to start using a system called One Check which will allow residents to only write one check when registering their car. A daily transfer to the State of NH for funds received will have to be done. Bob & Joanne are supportive of Dawn moving forward with this program.

**Barbara Clark:** The reval was turned over today and the Town has full access to all evaluations. She is working on the MS1 and will have it ready for signature next Monday. She

attended the Legislative Session and found it very interesting. She is meeting with Vanessa with CNHRPC to work on an energy audit. This is a free service as a member of the CNHRPC. The window shades have been received and they will be installed very soon for a fee of \$145. Barb said a Zoning Compliance Officer meeting will be held tomorrow night.

**Debbie Tibbetts:** Joanne said she'll contact Debbie tomorrow in regard to her writing a response letter to the resident on Chestnut Pond Road.

**Nancy Wheeler:** Nancy said our Rymes account has been found and is still waiting to find out if a monthly meter reading fee will be charged. She said she distributed Budget Worksheets to all Department Heads and asked for them to be filled out & returned by 9/30, so meetings can begin the following Monday. The CPI was posted on Friday, which is 8.1% for the northeast region.

**Stewart Yeaton – Fire Chief:** Stewart mentioned that there is an issue with abandoned homes in town that have been broken into, or are targets for being broken into. He asked if a list of abandoned homes is made, he'd like to be made aware of the homes on that list. Barbara said the only way she may know is by a foreclosure notice received by the bank. Wayne said he requested a list of empty houses from Century 21.

Engine 2 has a major oil leak and they are trying to find the best way to fix it. There is still a transmission problem. This truck will be traded in next year, but it's going to cost close to \$10K to fix it. He'd like to do minor repairs & kept it mostly out of service. This truck cannot be used for emergency responses at this time.

He said Chris Pope called him today and a river meeting will be held in October – it has been hard to coordinate a time for everyone to meet. He will meet with Chris tomorrow for a brief meeting, just to give him a tour of the river. Joanne said CNHRPC will be hired to coordinate this project.

**Marylou Keane – Budget Committee:** The first Budget Committee meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

**Rick Bilodeau, Emergency Management:** Joanne said a quarterly Hazard Mitigation meeting needs to be scheduled. Rick doesn't have anything to report.

**Gary Perry, Webster Park:** Bob thanked Gary and his family for his help setting up & cleaning up from Election Day. He is working on getting the park cleaned up. He is planning to set up the ice skating rink this winter. He said football hasn't started yet, but he expects them to be there for the next couple of months. Joanne said she has heard a lot of positive feedback about the condition of the park.

**Betsy Bosiak, Planning Board:** Betsy reported that the final revision for the Master Plan was dropped off at CNHRPC for review. They are now reviewing the Subdivision Regulations.

**Written Reports:** Jay Hickey, ZCO: He has been processing permits & working on zoning compliance issues. AutoSmith is working with the Planning Board. Cec Curran is working on the Bartlett Trailer Park septic issues. Jay is preparing the for the Zoning Compliance Officer committee meeting on Tuesday.

Bob said he'd like to have a log book kept that states all fines and permits that are issued, for quick reference by the BOS. Joanne said she'll mention it to Jay.

Cec Curran, Health Officer: He inspected a moldy apartment & did not identify any serious mold issues, but the floor is wet and the condition of the apartment has deteriorated. The septic system at Meadowbrook was inspected again by himself & the designer, Gary Spaulding, and the system has been functioning properly.

**7:00pm Conservation Commission - Land Donation – Alison Parodi:** Alison said she would like to accept a donation of a piece of property (Tax Map U05-8) about 1.47 acres which is the old railroad bed. Mona Bartlett requested through her daughter that this parcel of land be donated to the Town of Epsom. She'd like this to be used as recreational property for the residents of the Town of Epsom. Alison said the property taxes on this parcel

are about \$75 a year – it is undevelopable. The consensus of the BOS is to allow Alison to move forward with this land acquisition.

#### FOR SIGNATURE

1. **Accounts Payable** was signed.
2. **Manifests** were signed.
3. **Payroll** was signed.
4. **Current Use Application** was signed.
5. **Request for Leave** was signed.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **State of NH Disaster FEMA – 1892–DR-NH** - A letter was received stating that the Town of Epsom will be receiving a check will be received \$20,620.19 for the February wind storm. Gordon said it may take a couple of months to receive the check. Once it's received, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for acceptance of these funds.
- B. **Acceptance of Audit Requirements:** A new form that needs to be signed when FEMA funds are received, stating that the Town agrees to participate in any audits. This was signed by Joanne.

#### MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- **Draft – September 13, 2010:** Joanne made a motion to accept these minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Final – August 23, 2010:** Bob made a motion to accept these minutes as written. Joanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### CONFIDENTIAL

- Letter from The Munilaw Group

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION (No action required)

- NH Retirement 2012-2013 Employer Contribution Rates
- Dollard Associates Announcement
- ZCO Letter

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

Joanne said a letter was received by an audiologist who is concerned about hearing loss due to wind turbines. She is sending letters to various towns to raise this issue.

**Board Member Liaison Reports**

Joanne noted the following meetings:

Stewardship Committee Meeting: Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Budget Committee Meeting: Thursday at 7:00 PM

Public Hearing to accept & expend funds: Monday, 9/27

CIP: September 29 at 7:00 PM

River Committee Meeting: TBD – she will advise others when the date is set.

SVRTA: October 21 at 7:00 PM in Barnstead

Bob said there is a BCEP Meeting on 9/30.

Mary Frambach was not pleased with Gordon's statement about Dick calling to complain about Cass Road. Mary said she has had almost \$400 damage to her vehicle due to rocks on the road. She feels that Gordon's statement was unfair.

Andrew Walton asked if the discussion for a new Selectman will take place when Keith is back next Monday. Bob said discussions have not yet begun, and wondered if perhaps they will try to continue with an empty seat. Andrew strongly recommends not moving forward with two BOS members, and stressed the importance of having an odd number of members. Joanne said even though this is not her decision, she would recommend appointing a former Selectman so they will not need to be trained. This discussion will be put on the agenda for 9/27.

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