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Town of Epsom Board of Selectmen Minutes June 2, 2008

Present: Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Joanne Randall, Vice-Chairman
Absent: Keith Cota

Other Attendees: Joni Kitson, Brett Rouleau, Andrew Walton; Dave Fiorentino,
Representative Carole Brown; Nancy Wheeler; Barbara Clark

Bob opened the meeting at 6:15 PM, and requested Joni Kitson lead the Pledge of Allegiance, but Joni suggested that Brett Rouleau do the honor since he is observing the meeting tonight.

FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Accounts Payable/Payroll
2. 1 Manifest
3. Letters re “Notice of Tax Deeding”
4. New Road Ordinance
5. 2 Intent to Cut
6. 2008 Jeopardy Warrant
7. Old Town Hall Rental Request. Joanne made a motion to allow the Town Band to use the Old Town Hall for Band practice on June 13, 20 & 27. Bob seconded the motion. Both in favor. Joanne then made a motion to waive the fee for this. Bob seconded the motion. Both in favor.

For Discussion:

Barbara Clark

1. Jeopardy Warrant – for two mobile homes in Kingstown Park. In order for the mobile homes to be removed she has two forms to be signed, which she will hold until she receives the additional required information.
2. Elder Trust – Barbara has received two applications for Charity Exemptions, and a settlement agreement has been made with the Selectmen, but she would like abatements for the 1st tax bill. This has not been released for public knowledge at this time.

The settlement agreement includes the following verbiage:

“The settlement also included a mechanism establishing this formula on a going forward basis. The clause effectively binds Elder Trust to the voluntary 25% payment for so long

as it remains a qualifying exempt charitable organization. Thus, Elder Trust Management cannot simply in its discretion voluntarily terminate the payments.

3. Waivers for Old Home Day. Attorney Soltani will prepare a one form checklist regarding insurance (for individuals to check which applies; waiver or insurance coverage).

4. Route 4 Sidewalk Maintenance. Barbara submitted information regarding this.

5. Barbara noted that the bottom line of the agenda has always been "*Miscellaneous Items/FYI*". She suggested it be changed to "*FYI*" so that the Board knows those items do not require any action.

6. Barbara suggested that the agenda each meeting holds a time slot at 6:30 PM for "Staff" so that Barb & Nancy have an opportunity to discuss any issues with the BOS.

Nancy Wheeler – Public Hearing for Housing and Community Development Plan will be held on June 16th, instead of June 30th. All three hearings can be heard in the same night. Nancy will provide a script to the board if they would like to follow it – or Donna Lane can take care of it.

Attachment to Auto Salvage Yard Application

Joanne stated that there is nothing attached to the renewal application form that signifies that the applicant is aware of his/her responsibilities as the Salvage Yard owner. Joanne has prepared a list to be attached to applications, which states the minimum requirements of Best Management Practices. Joanne read this list out loud. She said Tony has looked at the list & said it doesn't say anything new – but it is a good addendum to the application. Joanne will forward to Keith for input & it will be discussed again next week.

Info concerning Route 4 sidewalk maintenance

Joanne read a response from Nancy Mayville stating that at the time the sidewalks were installed, Epsom did not enter into an agreement for sidewalk maintenance. It is the town's responsibility to maintain all sidewalks. If we wish to have the state maintain them (snow removal, etc.) then the state will do that for a fee. The office will ask Nancy Mayville to prepare a draft agreement for review – which will inform the board of the charges.

Nomination for 2008 Stovepipe Award

The BOS has received a request for recommendations for this award. No one here has heard of this award and doesn't have any recommendations. They are going to pass this along to Rick Bilodeau – Emergency Management for input.

New Bid Ad for Police Cruiser

Bob stated that last week the bids opened for the Police Cruiser. They only received one bid for \$500, and mistakenly thought they had to accept that one bid. Bob would like to rescind their acceptance of the bid, as he feels the town can make more money either by private sale or by bringing it to the White Farm with a minimum bid request. Bob said he spoke to someone at LGC and was told we can rescind this bid. If it goes back out to bid, then we have to contact the bidder. Andrew Walton stated that the White Farm annual

auction was held on May 17, and suggested we contact George Foster. Bob said there are several options.

Joanne made a motion to rescind the bid for the cruiser. Bob seconded the motion. Both in favor. Joanne will contact Chief Preve to tell him this.

Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act Meeting

There is a meeting on June 18 for this. Joanne is not available, Bob is unsure. They will request that this info be copied for Keith.

MISCELLANEOUS

The BOS has received a letter from the Planning Board stating that they support the proposed Housing and Community Development Plan, even though they do not have any particular input, they would like to be kept informed. Joanne will respond to James (Planning Board Chairman) to let him know that they would like this to be included in the Master Plan.

From Nancy Mayville: Bid Award & Partial Reimbursement for Center Hill Road repair for the bridge over Blake's Brook; \$201,003.60 for work, \$78791.98 for engineering, and \$35,146.00 for the box culvert. The check will be sent to the town.

Thursday June 5 – Milfoil will be treated at Northwood Lake.

The BOS received three ZBA decisions for review.

Suncook River Meeting Information – Keith emailed a summary of this meeting for the BOS to review.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Draft minutes of May 19, 2008

Joanne suggested that Tony should review these minutes as well since there was a lot of legal discussion with the Library Trustees. Bob agreed.

The minutes were reviewed. Joanne made a motion to accept the Draft Minutes of 5/19/08. Bob seconded the motion. Both in favor.

Draft minutes of May 27, 2008

Joanne suggested we wait until the next meeting to review these, as Keith is not here and he may have input, and she left the last meeting early. Bob agreed.

Joanne said Tony is going to get back to her on the waivers for Old Home Day. This weekend she will be finishing the follow up on the applicants for Office Position. The board will review all resumes & applications on June 17 in a non-public session.

Joni Kitson asked about the Center Hill Road project – she wanted to know if the contract was for the bridge alone, or the bridge, the road & the culvert – all inclusive. Nancy Wheeler stated that a portion of the paving (the approaches) was included, but the part of

the road between the two bridges will be done by the Highway Department. Nancy does not know when that will be going out to bid.

Joni stated the sign board on Center Hill Road said the work was starting on June 9, but today it was changed to June 16. She questioned why it was delayed & why it would be started before school gets out.

Carole Brown asked about the River Study, and whether they were recommending Option 3. In looking at Keith's notes – yes that is what they are recommending; this would cost about 2 million dollars.

Andrew Walton asked what the BOS would do if they are asked to contribute to this. Joanne stated it would have to go on a warrant article, and it would be up to the people.

Andrew Walton asked about the Town Meetinghouse – have all the contractors been paid for this project. George Carlson said the Meetinghouse Committee has used all their money and is waiting for donations. Andrew stated that he knows one contractor who worked on that project and he has not been paid, and he pays penalties & interest every month on that money.

Joni Kitson said that all money was sent to the Historical Society. Joanne said that the leftover money should have been accepted by the town. Joanne asked Nancy if someone submits a bill now for work on that building as it sits on those premises – who would pay it? Nancy responded that there is no money to pay for renovations, until the L Chip Grant is received. The Friends of the Meetinghouse Committee was to pay for the move. After much discussion, Joanne suggested that Andrew ask the contractor send a letter to the Friends of the Meetinghouse Committee; cc it to the BOS, with all copies of pertinent information, asking for help in getting the bill resolved. She suggested to Andrew that he ask his friend to send this letter this week so it can be on next week's agenda.

Joanne made a motion to close the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. Both in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McIntosh
Substitute Recording Secretary