**TOWN OF EPSOM**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**940 SUNCOOK VALLEY HIGHWAY**

**EPSOM TOWN OFFICES**

**MARCH 11, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Hugh Curley Approved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chris Bowes**

**Virginia Drew**

**Staff Present:** Nancy Wheeler

**Other Attendees:** Deb Sargent; Cheryl Gilpatrick; Val Long; Chuck Driesbach; Meadow Wysocki; Joni Kitson

Hugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Hugh asked Val Long to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review and Accept or Amend the Agenda**

**Chris motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Scheduled Appointments**

**Signature/Approval Items**

Accounts Payable/Manifest – Signed

Payroll - Signed

Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes

**Chris motioned to approve the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Epsom Elderly Housing, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

The Board executed the agreement.

Charitable Exemptions – 2

Nancy noted that they need to be approved by the Board.

**Chris motioned to approve the exemption for the Merrimack Valley Church Assembly of Good, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Chris motioned to approve the exemption for the Evergreen Lodge #53 IOOF, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

CAI Tax Map Maintenance Agreement 2019

Hugh verified that it was the same company that would be doing the new mapping also. Nancy verified that this was the annual update to update any changes, etc. to the maps. Virginia noted that this is for 2019, it is for April 1, 2019 – April 1, 2020.

**Virginia motioned to approve the Tax Map Maintenance Agreement for the upcoming year., Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Yield Tax Levy

Nancy noted the report of cut was received with the assessor having reviewed it.

**Chris motioned to approve the Yield Tax Levy for Tax Map R 08, Lot 08, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Nancy further noted the process. Virginia asked how the cut is tracked, Nancy noted in the past if the Board has an issue the Town Forester would check the cut or DRA has also gone out in the past.

Veteran’s Exemption

**Chris motioned to approve a Veteran’s Exemption U 18-6-64, Hugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Discussion**

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) – draft letters in box

Ms. Long noted they are continuing on fundraising. They have an application for the Moose Plate Grant that she would like permission from the Board to apply for. She has a letter of intent for the Grant. Val noted the maximum amount for the Grant is $20,000.00.

Hugh wanted to be sure that the Town could apply for the Grant that it would not go into the fund. Nancy noted that Grant money would not go into the fund.

Val discussed the items that would be required for applying to the Grant which is a combination of Federal and State Grants. Virginia noted most of the money is raised within the State. She noted it is a lapsing fund.

Hugh asked if the entire amount would be received or if it would possibly be a portion of the cost to repair the one stained glass window.

Val questioned if there was enough money in the fund could it be added to the Grant amount to complete the repairs.

Virginia noted that the committee needs permission to apply for the intent for the Grant. The Board had a consensus to allow the committee to apply for the Moose Plate Grant.

Cheryl Gilpatrick discussed the letter requesting donations. Cheryl noted the committee members names and contact information. The letter was discussed with some minor revisions. The Board had a consensus to allow the letter to be sent out.

**Stillwater Estates – Open Space Land**

Betsy explained that there are three open space areas in Stillwater Estates. During the deeding process the open spaces were not deeded to each owner within the subdivision. Different interests were deeded to some of the owners with some owners having no interest deeded to them. Attorney Sullivan would like to complete deeds for each owner deeding interests in all three open space areas. The Board took title to one parcel (R06-6B) in August from the developer, but did not take the interests held by some of the owners. Attorney Sullivan would like to have the Board deed that interest back to the developer so he may complete his deeds. Virginia asked the cost to do this, it was discussed with it being determined the recording costs and possibly the LCHIP fee.

Chris would like to have the Board wait to take action until they receive the letter from Attorney Sullivan. Betsy will contact him to be sure he sends the letter to the Board.

BCEP Appointments – April 1 (Selectman, Alternate, Budget)

Hugh noted he would like to appoint John Johnson as a member. Hugh would like to remain as the Selectman representative. He noted that Penny Graham is the Town’s representative with the Budget Committee having to appoint a new representative.

**Hugh motioned to appoint John Johnson as the alternate member until March 31, 2020, Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Selectman Pro-tem

Chris noted that they do not have anything drafted and they could do something in the morning. He noted that Bob Blodgett is the only person interested. The times the Board members were available was discussed.

**Chris motioned to approve Bob Blodgett as Selectman-pro-tem for the March election, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Recording Secretary for BOS

This was discussed with Betsy indicating that she would remain as Selectmen’s Secretary. Meadow Wysocki indicated she would be the back-up secretary if Betsy is not available.

**Finance Report**

Nancy noted she would discuss the budget next meeting depending upon what happened at the election. She will be out on Friday with Barbara Clark filling in for her.

**Minutes to Approve and Sign**

February 25, 2019 Draft –

**Chris motioned to approve the amended minutes of February 25, 2019, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

February 11, 2019 Draft – Was finalized at the last meeting, the Board signed the final minutes.

**Selectmen’s Reports**

Chris thought that everyone was aware with how busy the Police and Fire Departments have been the last few weeks.

Virginia noted that they have been called out together. She noted that she had spoken with Chief Yeaton and the entire department will be together March 25. She would also like to do something for the Police Department also. They discussed doing something similar for the Police Department at one of their monthly training sessions. Virginia will schedule this with Chief Preve.

Virginia thanked the Board for the supporting the Meetinghouse group. She noted that they have been working hard. They also have a citizen that has come in to do videos of the building.

Hugh noted there was a BCEP meeting last week.

Hugh noted that they have notice that the court has moved the Bilodeau case to May.

Hugh thanked Chris for his years of service to the Town. Hugh thanked him for his friendship for the last few years.

Virginia noted that the business that wanted to open a Wedding Venue on Echo Valley Road has withdrawn.

**5 Minutes for Public Discussion**

Joni thanked Chris and also to thank his wife and children for his time. Deb and Betsy reiterated the same.

Chris noted a Facebook posting that he was upset with as he felt the person had negative comments that were not correct. It was discussed with others indicating they did not see the posting in the same way.

Virginia noted if you do want to put information out there, you do have to be careful.

Deb thanked Chris and wanted to have him leave with a happy comment.

**Other Business** (as agenda is subject to change)

**Non-Public Session** per RSA 91-A: 3 II (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i) as necessary

**Correspondence – FYI**

LCHIP Monitoring Incentive Payment

Annual Monitoring Inspection Report – Smith Property

Notice of New Attorney at Mitchell Group

Highway Mileage Report

Delta Vision – Information on Eye Benefit from Delta Dental

**Chris motioned to adjourn, Virginia seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Hugh adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bosiak,

Acting Recording Secretary

**POSTED:** *March 8th @ Epsom Town Office / Post Office / Website*

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