

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE

April 13, 2009



## ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen: Dianne Gilbert, James McGeough, Rene Archambault; Town Administrator: Dean Shankle; Administrative Assistant: Judith Bielecki. Selectman Karen Sott was absent.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gauthier called the public session to order at 7:30 PM at the Epping Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed.

### 2. DISCUSSION OF WATER & SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Joe Foley and Mr. Henry DeBoer, Water & Sewer Commission, addressed the Board to request a Special Town Meeting to accept funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Mr. DeBoer provided two draft warrant articles, the first one asking for appropriation of \$309,650.00 to extend the water line approximately 3,572 feet running from the Commons Building on Route 125 to Old Stagecoach Condominiums. He advised that 100% of funds will be provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with 50% of the principal being forgiven and the additional 50% be funded by customers connecting to the system. In this regard, Old Stagecoach Condominium residents have voted to fund the 50% repayment for connection to the water line. Acceptance of this money and the repayment will not impact the property tax payer.

Mr. Foley requested consideration of holding a Town Meeting form of election vs SB II. Selectman Gilbert stated that articles are amendable. Mr. Foley stated that they could be amended if a Deliberative Session was held. He added that the project deadline is July 1, 2009.

Mr. Foley discussed proposed Article 2 which is for the construction of a new sewer pump station funding of which would be \$246,000.00. He advised that this article would be contingent upon being accepted by the States list of wastewater projects as Epping is currently #39 with only the top 30 projects projected to receive funding. He added that this project was included in the Commissions long range planning proposal and if funded the 50% would be forgiven and 50% would be funded from sewer reserve.

Chairman Gauthier requested a vote to call a Special Town Meeting.

**Motion by Selectman McGeough to hold a Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 4-0.**

Mr. DeBoer requested consideration to increase the assessment at Old Stagecoach Condominiums to reflect the 50% fee for the connection. Chairman Gauthier advised that the details and dates to schedule the meeting will have to be reviewed as it involves Budget Committee approval and Public Hearings. Town Administrator Shankle advised he would review and provide it at the next meeting. Mr. Foley advised that a pre-printed ballot and a schedule allowing the polls to be open for an hour would simplify the process.

**Motion by Selectman Archambault to elect to hold and conduct a meeting under the provisions of RSA:39 and RSA: 40 not under RSA: 40:13. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.**

3. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Request to hire a part-time temporary employee at the Transfer Station was presented for approval.

**Motion by Selectman Gilbert to hire Mr. George Edwards as a part-time temporary employee at \$8.00 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Archambault. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Town Administrator Shankle** advised that Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter have invited Municipal Officials to attend a forum on Rural Development and the American Recovers and Reinvestment ACT (ARRA) on Monday, April 20 at the Epping Town Hall from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

**Town Administrator Shankle** advised that the US Census takers are currently beginning the process in Epping. Chairman Gauthier requested last a list of where the census takers would be working and broadcast the routes on FTV to alert residents.

**Town Administrator Shankle** requested Mr. MacArthur from All-Star Speedway attend the meeting tonight to discuss some outstanding issues in regards to the obtaining of a license to operate. Mr. MacArthur advised that last Saturday's practice was not held as it had rained and requested approval to run practice on Wednesday and Friday of the upcoming week. Chairman Gauthier advised that conditional permission was granted for two Saturday practices only. He advised Mr. MacArthur that in order to obtain the license compliance with the Code Enforcement and Fire Departments lists of issues is required. He added that completion must be prior to the Boards Meeting on April 20, 2009.

)Mr. Marc Nickerson, Fire Department advised that outstanding issues need to be addressed prior to April 23 as he would be at training and unavailable for inspection. Selectman McGeough asked about the outstanding issue of tire removal. Mr. MacArthur stated that the removal of tires is an ongoing issue and would be difficult to accomplish before next week. Town Administrator Shankle advised that the Code Enforcement Officer has requested the tires be removed prior to obtaining the license to operate. He requested Mr. MacArthur contact the Code Enforcement Officer. Selectman Gilbert requested Mr. MacArthur establish a punch list so that he would be aware of the outstanding issues.

**Motion by Chairman Gauthier to allow practice runs at All-Star Speedway on Wednesday, April 15 and Friday, April 17, 2009. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion did not carry 0-4.**

4. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

**Ms. Sandra Ricardo, 22 Old Stagecoach Road,** advised that she has stopped using her water as it is bad and wanted to see the line extended up Route 125 and was advised that changing the plan would be too costly. She questioned whether the Board would entertain holding a raffle to raise money to extend the water line to include homes in that area. Chairman Gauthier advised that Water and Sewer are bidding the expansion both ways, with and without extending it to Old Hedding Road and up Route 125. Selectman McGeough suggested Ms. Ricardo contact Water and Sewer in this regard.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman McGeough to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Handwritten signature of Judith Rialacki, consisting of a stylized cursive script.

Judith Rialacki