

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 21, 2020

A duly-noticed meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 2 pm.

As Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Dick Fortin found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

There is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, Chairman Fortin confirmed public access to the meeting via Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting by clicking on the following website address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9569071146>.

Notice was given to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting. Instructions have also been provided on the Town website at eatonnh.org. If anyone has a problem accessing the scheduled Selectman meeting, please call 603-447-2840. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Dick Fortin started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Ed Reilly (no one else in the room) and Joyce Blue (no one else in the room). Dick Fortin noted that all votes taken during this meeting will be done by roll call vote.

Emergency Management Director Thaire Bryant joined the meeting to discuss the status of the Emergency. Thaire Bryant explained he is working on the list of residents that should be monitored during the stay at home order. Ed Reilly questioned the status of voting in September. Thaire Bryant noted that he will check to see if the State has made any decisions yet and report back to the Board.

Thaire Bryant noted that at the School Annual Meeting, a committee was formed to review the needs of the Town and asked that the Selectmen think about two members to serve with Chris Kennedy.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 4/12/2020), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 4/20/2020, Building Permit #202003 (R01-036-A), Pistol Permit and Printer Maintenance Agreements with Porter Office Machines.

Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

The Board discussed procedures for adjusting Yield Taxes due to reduced stumpage values received. It was the consensus of the Board that a contract or proof of what is paid to the landowner will be required before the Board will consider adjusting any assessed Yield Tax.

Dick Fortin noted that Eversource has removed the following street lights: two in Snowville, 2 in Eaton Village, one at the beach and one at the Town garage. Dick Fortin stated that the Board may want to consider an LED light at the beach as it is very dark. Dick Fortin explained that he spoke to the property owners at each location and they were in favor of removing the lights.

Dick Fortin stated that he calculated the fee for the Canavari Building Permit and that the landowner will be notified of the correct amount for the Permit. It was noted that a copy of the signed Shoreland Permit has been requested for Town files.

Dick Fortin explained that the highway crew has cleaned out the ditches on Ridge Road and that they cut back the bamboo at the corner of Ridge Road and Route 153. The Board reviewed an email from Peggy Wescott regarding the work done. It was noted that the ditching is routine maintenance.

Ed Reilly questioned how the Board will proceed regarding the beach if the stay at home order is still active. The Board tabled the discussion until the May 5th meeting.

Ed Reilly noted that the Board should be reviewing the financial impact of the pandemic and requested that three years of revenues be compared so that the Board can plan for any shortfalls.

The Board reviewed and revised a letter to William Lambert of NHDOT. Ed Reilly indicated that he will update John Hartman regarding this letter.

Joyce Blue noted that Hatch Hill Road is very rough. Dick Fortin explained that the Highway crew stopped grading the roads because it was getting too dry, but will start up again once it rains.

Vegetation Control Service advised that they will be applying herbicides within the NH Electric Cooperative power line rights of way and that all abutters will be notified.

The Board discussed the cleaning of Town Hall and it was the consensus to have the building cleaned in house. It was noted that the current cleaning service will be notified of the Board's decision.

Dick Fortin questioned whether there has been any further discussion regarding parking at the Little White Church. Joyce Blue noted that she will check with the Church Board.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Paul King regarding the Town Vault and noted that the Odd Fellows may still have an interest in the property. Joyce Blue noted that there should be a Release of Easement recorded. Dick Fortin will further research the issue.

The Board discussed the issue of record storage at Town Hall. Joyce Blue noted that there are a lot of historic records which should be made available to the public. The Board discussed the Facility Committee and Joyce Blue offered to sit on the Committee. Dick Fortin noted that more options need to be reviewed before settling on an addition. Ed Reilly gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Committee which would assist the Selectmen in prioritizing projects. Ed Reilly suggested that the Board investigate methods of retaining records digitally so that paper records can be destroyed.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes). The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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