

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832
EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 7, 2020

A duly-noticed meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 via teleconference. 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 telephone 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 through dialing (978) 990-5000 and access code 387053.

Notice was given to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting via telephone. Instructions have also been provided on the Town website at eatonnh.org. If anyone has a problem, please call email eatonth@roadrunner.com. 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 (no one else 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 that NH Department of Safety is requesting a list of expenses, which includes hours worked by the Board. The Board discussed purchasing supplies once the crisis is over so that in the future, the Town will be prepared.

Road Agent Richard Heath joined the Board to discuss Highway Department operations.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting on March 19, 2020 as amended. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting on March 25, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Non-Public Session on March 19, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Non-Public Session on March 25, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 3/29/2020), MS-535 Financial Report, NHDOT Letter for bridge reimbursement, Report of Wood Cut (R13-001), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 4/6/2020, Building Permit #202001 (R03-003) and Building Permit #202002 (R03-003). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin reported that he met with Brad Perry of Eversource regarding the street lights and noted that LED bulbs will be used in those lights that are currently not working. Dick Fortin explained that if the LED bulbs blow, the light fixtures will need to be replaced. Dick Fortin stated that there is no cost to the Town to disconnect and remove the fixtures. Ed Reilly questioned why the Town would have to pay to replace the light fixture. Dick Fortin stated that he will discuss the issue with Brad Perry for clarification.

The Board discussed Town finances and the reduction in Rooms & Meals taxes. The Board discussed the possibility of property tax payments being slow. It was the consensus of the Board to postpone the tax map update at this time.

Joyce Blue explained that she received a phone call regarding a lot in the Deans subdivision and requested that information be sent digitally for the Board to review. After review of the septic system plan, the Board agreed to send the information to the Planning Board for review under the Steep Slope Ordinance.

The Board discussed the issue of the Town Beach and hiring of beach attendants. The Board tabled the issue until the end of April.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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