

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**May 11, 2020**

A duly-noticed meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Monday, May 11, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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](http://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, Simon Fortin and Aida Greenough in the room), Ed Reilly (no one else in the room) and Joyce Blue (no one else in the room). Lianne Boelzner stated that Town Clerk Suzanne Raiche is in the room with her. Dick Fortin noted that all votes taken during this meeting will be done by roll call vote.

Thaire Bryant joined the meeting to discuss upcoming elections and explained that the NH Election Commission is still working on changes to the election requirements. Thaire Bryant suggested encouraging residents to vote via absentee ballot. Thaire Bryant gave an overview of the supplies needed for the ballot clerks, counters and Selectmen and that only 1 to 3 voters will be permitted in the building at one time. Thaire Bryant noted that there are funds available to assist with the additional costs and that he will begin to pursue those funds.

Ed Reilly explained that NH Municipal Association has asked for Selectmen to send them any questions for the Governor's Reopening Task Force.

The Board discussed opening of the beach and what alterations will be necessary. It was the consensus of the Board to reduce the picnic tables to two, to only rent one toilet

facility this summer and to issue only one guest pass per property. The Board will draft and send a letter to all property owners explaining the new policies and procedures for use of the Town beach. Ed Reilly suggested that the Board proceed with the opening and to monitor use of the beach to determine whether it can remain open. The Board worked on verbiage for a sign at the parking lot entrance: beach hours 10 am – 6 pm; beach pass required; maintain 6-foot social distancing; no large group gatherings.

***At 2:06 pm, Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to discuss personnel. Motion carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the non-public session and return to public session. Motion unanimously carried. The Board reconvened public session at 2:28 pm.***

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to seal the Minutes because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of this Board. Motion carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Dick Fortin stated that Chris Kennedy has requested permission to borrow six picnic tables. It was the consensus of the Board to grant permission to borrow tables from the Town Garage only and to sanitize the tables before returning them.

The Board reviewed an estimate from Computer Port for a new computer. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to authorize the purchase of a new computer to be funded from the Office Equipment Capital Reserve. 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 adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).*** The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lianne Boelzner*

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