

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**May 5, 2020**

A duly-noticed meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, May 5, 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](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 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.

***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 4/26/2020), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 5/4/2020, Notice of Intent to Cut for J. Thomas Flavin (R03-003) and Notice of Intent to Cut for C. Elizabeth Hatch (R09-003). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Dick Fortin explained that the Board has been working on the plan to cut trees at Town Hall to give the Highway Department better access for piling winter sand and additional storage of materials on the garage lot. Dick Fortin noted that the abutters have been aware of the project and that trees were marked in advance so that they could review the proposed cut. Dick Fortin stated that he reviewed a survey map of the property to establish the property boundaries. Joyce Blue questioned whether the lighting is the concern and Dick Fortin stated that the Board should address alternate lighting for the rear entry of Town Hall. Joyce Blue noted that there is ample space for tree growth on

the property line to shield the light and that perhaps the Town should contribute to the planting of shrubs. Ed Reilly questioned whether a rough drawing of the plan can be generated for review.

The Board discussed the storage of an excavator at the Town garage which the Town would rent as needed. Ed Reilly questioned whether storage of private equipment will be an issue. Dick Fortin noted that since the Town will be renting the equipment it makes sense to have available rather than paying for the transport. The Board requested that rental prices be obtained from other companies to have on file.

Dick Fortin explained that the Effingham Selectmen have requested an amendment to the ambulance contract that would authorize the Fire Chiefs to determine whether an ambulance responds to an emergency call. Dick Fortin noted that he contacted Center Conway and Freedom Fire Chiefs, who already dictate the ambulance response.

The Board reviewed Selectmen assignments with the following results: Planning Board – Ed Reilly, Conservation Commission – Dick Fortin, Solid Waste Committee – Dick Fortin, Facility Committee – Joyce Blue, Eastern Slope Airport Authority – David Sorensen and Broadband Committee – John Border. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to accept the appointments as presented. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

The Board reviewed Article 22 regarding the carbon credit. Ed Reilly will remind Dennis Sullivan to submit the required letter for the Selectmen.

The Board reviewed the status of street lights and Dick Fortin noted that he will contact Brad Perry of Eversource regarding the burned out light in Snowville.

The Board reviewed the issue of grandfathering when regulations are updated. It was noted that unless the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations contain a two-year clause, any subdivisions approved by the Planning Board are grandfathered for five years.

Dick Fortin explained that the Selectmen should have a list of all items to be addressed when reviewing a Building Permit application. Ed Reilly noted that the cover page of the application has a list of required items.

Dick Fortin noted that he would like to recommend Judy Wilson for the Cooperative School committee.

The Board discussed the beach and summer attendants. Ed Reilly noted that he will be attending a virtual meeting on Friday which will address in-land beaches. Joyce Blue suggested posting a sign with rules and requirements and that the beach can be monitored for compliance. Ed Reilly agreed and noted that if residents do not cooperate, the beach may be closed. The consensus of the Board is to open the beach as of Memorial Day weekend and to have attendants present. The discussion was tabled until after Friday's informational meeting.

Ed Reilly noted that he spoke to Quddus Snyder regarding the status of the septic system on his property and stated that it is being addressed.

Ed Reilly raised the issue of storage and questioned whether a storage unit should be considered for placement on the Town Hall property. Joyce Blue noted that wildlife can still gain entry into those units and destroy its contents.

The Board reviewed an email from NHDOT Assistant Commissioner William Cass regarding the sharp corner on Route 153. It was noted that Sheriff Richardi suggested installing a new sign to show "Conway" with an arrow. Dick Fortin requested that Sheriff Richardi be invited to the meeting with NHDOT scheduled for next week.

Joyce Blue explained that she attended a webinar on RSA 91-A for remote meetings and noted that Zoom has been hacked. It was noted that using the waiting room will reduce the possibility of a hacker.

Ed Reilly noted that he drove up Hatch Hill Road and spoke to Road Agent Richard Heath, who explained that the rain has helped but that grading of the roads is proceeding slowly based on the weather.

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for the Bridge reimbursement in the amount of \$90,392.00.

NH Department of Revenue Administration submitted the 2019 Equalized Valuations.

***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 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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