

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 7, 2020

A duly-noticed meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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. 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 (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.

Rich Lavoie joined the Board to review his Building Permit applications for a single-family residence and detached barn on Thurston Road.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on June 16, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on June 22, 2020 as amended. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Non-Public Session on June 22, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on June 29, 2020 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Eleanor Border joined the Board to review the proposal for the Avitar Town Clerk/Motor Vehicle software and gave an overview of the current MAAP system to register vehicles. Eleanor Border explained that the system would also handle dog licensing and could track all miscellaneous revenues. The Board reviewed the \$3207 annual support fee and Eleanor Border explained that the fee covers all support and software updates. It was noted that the quote of \$8400 for the software is good for 120 days. The Selectmen will further discuss the proposal and make a decision on whether to proceed with the purchase.

Marla Browning and Town Assessor Jason Call joined the Board to review the change in Current Use on Marla Browning's property. The Board reviewed an updated Current Use map and Jason Call explained that the one-acre strip removed from Current Use on the front lot has a value of \$16,000. It was noted that the value for the area being removed on the larger lot has not yet been determined. Jason Call explained that the Land Use Change Tax is assessed once development has taken place on the lot.

The Board discussed the upcoming Revaluation with Assessor Jason Call, who explained the process of revaluating the Town. Assessor Call noted that the focus next year would be on properties for sale and those that have sold in order to adjust cost tables and land values to market value. It was noted that a meeting will be scheduled to further discuss plans for the revaluation.

John Hatch of Action Ambulance Service joined the Board to discuss an ambulance call and subsequent questions regarding interpretation of the Town's contract. John Hatch explained that the 911 ambulance and transfer ambulance are separate contracts and are comprised of different ambulances and crew. Dick Fortin requested clarification of NH Protocol. John Hatch explained and noted that if the crew feels there is a life threatening situation, transport will be made to the closest hospital.

John Hartman joined the Board to review the installation of the four-way stop signs and noted a concern regarding the location of the stop line approaching from the south. Dick Fortin explained that the Board was made aware of that possibility at the public meeting with the NHDOT and that it has already been addressed.

John Hartman stated that he has been receiving calls regarding the raft in Crystal Lake and questioned whether there is any action that can be taken. Dick Fortin noted that the Lake is under State jurisdiction and that Marine Patrol has been contacted regarding the raft.

Nella Thompson joined the Board to discuss the raft in Crystal Lake and stated that she should not have to explain the meaning of the flags to her five-year old son.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 7/5/2020), Manifest and

Accounts Payable checks dated 7/6/2020, Yield Tax Warrant for William Reny (U01-034-A), Land Use Change Tax bill for Lindsay Smith Kafka Trust (R01-006), Building Permit #202011 for Pamela Burns & Ed Pliner (U02-019), Building Permit #202012 for Richard Lavoie (R11-025-C) and Building Permit #202013 for Richard Lavoie (R11-025-C). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin explained that he and Joyce Blue met with Milford Flooring and that floor colors have been chosen. It was noted that the estimate will be reviewed and resubmitted and that the work will take place in mid-September.

Dick Fortin stated that he viewed the driveway on the Canavari property after the heavy rain and reported no issues.

Dick Fortin stated that he will be meeting with Moderator Thaire Bryant regarding State-issued PPE for the upcoming elections.

Dick Fortin noted that he will be meeting with Doug Burnell and picking up a survey plan for Helen Snow's property. Dick Fortin noted that Doug Burnell also has property deeds which may assist the Town in researching the canal lot.

The Board discussed the issue of tax deeding properties. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Suzanne Raiche to move forward with the deeding process.

Ed Reilly questioned whether a letter will be sent regarding the option of absentee voting. Dick Fortin noted that rather than putting out another mailing, information could be put in the Town column. Joyce Blue suggested placing an advertisement in the paper. It was noted that the Selectmen will put together an exact paragraph for the Town column.

Joyce Blue questioned the possibility of assessing fines for non-compliance of permits and use of Town lands.

The Board scheduled a work session for Wednesday, July 15th, 2 pm.

The Board reviewed information on Land Use Change Tax values for Lindsay & Steven Kafka (R01-006) and Marla Browning (R09-013-C).

The Board reviewed a notice from Eversource regarding a change in the Town's contact person.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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