

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

August 4, 2020

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, August 4, 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 #15 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.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on July 15, 2020 as amended. 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 July 21, 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 Meeting on July 21, 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 Meeting on July 22, 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 ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 8/2/2020), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 7/10, 7/29 and 8/3/2020 and letter to Russ Canavari. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Matthew Watson joined the Board to review his building permit application for a tent platform on Woodland Acres Road. Dick Fortin explained that the proposed structure is considered a residential occupancy and will, therefore, require inspection by the Building Inspector to make sure all codes are met and then issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Dick Fortin stated that the other requirement will be adherence to NH RSA 674:41, which requires a Notice of Limited Liability to the Town to release the Town from any liability if an emergency vehicle cannot access the structure in the event of an emergency. Matt Watson stated that he spoke to Eric Thomas at NHDES regarding the outhouse and that he will be working with a soil specialist to determine the high water table. Dick Fortin noted that the permit would only allow one tent and one platform and that if additional tents/platforms are added, it will require approval from the Zoning Board.

The Board opened the following sealed Proposals for Audit Services:

	2020	2021	2022
Graham & Veroff	\$14,150	\$14,650	\$15,350
Roberge & Co	\$10,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Roberts & Greene	\$7,450	\$7,500	\$7,550

The Board will review the proposals for discussion at their next meeting.

The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget and revenue figures. It was noted that the Town did not have enough Covid-19 related expenses to qualify for State funding, so the beach budget will be overspent. It was the general consensus of the Board to reduce the hours of the beach attendants to ease over spending.

Dick Fortin reported that he explained the sign restrictions in Eaton's Zoning Ordinance to Quddus Snyder so that he is aware of issues to be addressed regarding the signs he placed on the Timberlake property. Dick Fortin suggested sending a letter indicating that the signs require a permit or must be removed. Joyce Blue suggested putting a notice in the Town Column reminding residents that any sign over 3 square feet requires a Building Permit.

Dick Fortin stated that there has been an increase of bicyclists on Town Land and questioned whether the Town Land Use Ordinance should specify Foss Mountain or all Town land. **Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, that the Town Land Use Ordinance addressing wheeled vehicles apply to all Town land. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).**

Dick Fortin explained that Michael Callis is filling in his property and gave an overview of the history of whether that property is wetlands. Dick Fortin noted that research is being

done to find the letter written by Mary Gospodarek and to determine how NHDES handled the last reported incident.

Dick Fortin noted that a few residents on Stewart Road have joined together to have high speed internet run to their houses. Ed Reilly requested that John Border be invited to join the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the status of the grant for internet service in Eaton.

Ed Reilly noted that he received a message from John Hartman asking why the Selectmen did not respond to his letter regarding the signs.

The meeting was recessed at 7:06 pm due to the weather and power issues. The meeting will be reconvened at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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