

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

September 1, 2020

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 #17 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 Special Meeting on August 18, 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 August 18, 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 Regular Meeting on August 18, 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 ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 8/30/2020), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 8/31/2020, Building Permit #2020017 for Michael

& Linda O'Neill (R04-009-A). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin explained that Fire Warden Larry Nash reported that a resident had a fire with no permit and as no one was watching the fire, Larry Nash requested that the Freedom Fire Department bill the property owner for the call. It was also reported that another property owner has had multiple brush fires that have gotten away from him and asked that he also be billed by the Freedom Fire Department. It was the consensus of the Board to bill the two property owners.

The Board discussed two recent emergency calls and requested that the call log be obtained from the Sheriff's Department for review and further discussion.

Atty. Rick Sager joined the Board to discuss an auction of Town property. Atty. Sager gave an overview of the process and explained that he would take care of the advertising, posting of signs on the properties, perform the closing and prepare the deeds. Atty. Sager stated that the Selectmen would need to grant him Power of Attorney which would allow him to execute all documents on behalf of the Town. Atty. Sager noted that the Town can collect all uncollected taxes, interest and a 10% penalty based on the assessed value and that any monies collected over that amount, are to be returned to the former owner. Atty. Sager explained the process of the Town keeping the proceeds if the former owner cannot be located. Dick Fortin noted that the Town also has two parcels of land with no deed. Atty. Sager explained that the lots are sold "As Is, Where Is" and the new owner could file a petition with the Court to grant a clear title. Joyce Blue questioned whether the parcels typically sell for enough to cover back taxes if no minimum bid is required. Atty. Sager stated that generally, lots sell for one-third to one-half of the assessed value. Dick Fortin stated that the Town Vault may be slated to go for auction and that the building is on land not owned by the Town. Dick Fortin questioned whether the Town pays any fees if a lot does not sell. Atty. Sager stated that there are no fees to the Town unless there are minimum bids requirements. After further discussion, ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to proceed with the auction of the properties taken for tax deed in 2016 and the two lots in Snowville. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Dick Fortin questioned whether the Town Clerk's bi-weekly report had been submitted. It was noted that the Board will send a reminder.

Dick Fortin explained that the Watson property on Woodland Acres Road is extremely steep and that Matt Watson has been advised of the Steep Slope Ordinance. It was noted that Matt Watson will be advised to contact the Planning Board prior to work being done to the driveway.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke to Road Agent Stubby Heath regarding the possibility of storing fire wood at the garage. Stubby Heath indicated that there would be no room but that he will put aside the collected logs for Mike Mahanor.

The Board discussed the hours for the Beach Attendants for Labor Day Weekend. It was the consensus that the beach be covered Friday through Sunday.

The Board discussed the schedule for moving furniture at Town Hall prior to the installation of the new floor. It was noted that the Highway Crew will assist with the move on Friday, September 11th.

Dick Fortin stated that pictures have been taken of the right-of-way for the Conservation Commission timber sale to make sure that the property is returned to its original condition.

Ed Reilly gave an update on the Planning Board and noted that the Board is working on Chapter 2 of the Master Plan.

The Board reviewed an email from Quddus Snyder regarding his septic system on Youngs Road. Dick Fortin noted that the Board asked that a certified inspector be contacted to inspect the system. Quddus Snyder's explanation that he had a phone conversation with the inspector does not relieve him of his obligation to address an uninspected septic installation.

The Board reviewed the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs and will prepare letters explaining that a Building Permit is required for any sign over 3 square feet.

The Board reviewed an email from John Border giving an update on the Carroll County Broadband Committee. The Board reviewed an email and service map from John Maher of Charter/ Spectrum. It was noted that the Board will forward the service map to John Border. Ed Reilly asked if the issue will be put before the voters at Town Meeting. Joyce Blue noted that information will be put together to make available to voters before Town Meeting.

Health Trust submitted information on the FY2020 Surplus to be returned to the Town in November.

The Board reviewed an email from Dennis Sullivan regarding the Henney Historical Fund. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to reappoint Dennis Sullivan to the Board of the Henney Historical Fund for a term of six years. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

The Board reviewed the 2020 Legislative Update prepared by Town Counsel.

The Board reviewed the 2021 Zoning Amendment Calendar for Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget worksheet and revised estimated revenues.

Ed Reilly requested that Road Agent Stubby Heath keep a record of the culverts being replaced and to note size and location for future reference.

Ed Reilly asked about the Public Hearing regarding the four-way stop. It was noted that NHDOT will be contacted to schedule the Hearing.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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