

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

February 2, 2021

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 Executive Order #2021-01, 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 603-447-2391. 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.

Josif Bicja of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates met with the Board regarding the Potter Road bridge agreement and explained that his firm is not on the jobsite every day, and, therefore, cannot watch every aspect of the construction. Ed Reilly asked if critical portions of the project are inspected before moving forward and Josif Bicja indicated that they do inspect the work completed when on the job site. Dick Fortin noted that the spreadsheet showing the cost has not been updated and requested that the new figures be inserted into the contract.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on January 19, 2021 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 Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on January 26, 2021 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 1/31/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 1/31/2021 and Report of Wood Cut for the Town (R13-003). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin explained that the Highway truck slated to be sold needs repairs and that the estimated cost is \$4,500 but that other estimates will be obtained. Dick Fortin noted that a pipe in the Highway garage burst and that Wayne Luoma will be repairing the pipe.

Ed Reilly stated that he contacted Larry Nash regarding the flag on Glines Hill Road and also the feasibility of removing the flags for the winter. The Board further discussed the flags and noted that the pole license should be amended to keep the flags all year.

State of New Hampshire submitted a Statement of Remittance for the Qtr3 Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$8370.08.

The Board reviewed a letter from Atty. Joseph Mitchell regarding property on Thurston Pond Road.

The Board reviewed an email from NHMA Atty. Stephen Buckley regarding the postponement of Town Meeting. It was noted that the Board and Moderator Thaire Bryant will meet with Town Clerk Suzanne Raiche to review absentee ballots and to discuss the date of the Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed an email from June Garneau regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan update and noted that committee members need to be identified.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Henney Historical Fund notifying the Town that the grant application to bind the Town Reports has been approved and that a check for \$750 has been issued to the Town.

The Board reviewed and amended the proposed operating budget. The Board reviewed the Warrant and voted on each of the Articles. It was noted that the petition requesting funds for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority did not have the required number of signatures so will not appear on the Warrant. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th, at 6 pm via Zoom. It was also noted that the Town Hall will be open for those who cannot access the meeting via Zoom.

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 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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