

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 12, 2021

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 12, 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 Emergency Order #25 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 603-447-2391. 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.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on December 15, 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 December 29, 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 1/3/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 12/31/2020 and 1/11/2021 and correspondence to Consolidated Communications and Spectrum. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin gave an update on the reopening of Town Hall. Dick Fortin noted that it is difficult to maintain social distancing if an employee has to open the door for the public and suggested unlocking the door when the Town Clerk's office is open. It was noted that a sign will be added to the door stating that only one person at a time is permitted to enter Town Hall.

Dick Fortin stated that Suzanne Raiche has requested that the Clerk's office hours be changed again to accommodate the hours of Avitar personnel for training. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the Tuesday evening hours at 5-7 pm and to contact Avitar regarding possible extended training hours.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and noted that the Commission is still working on the trail system and possible impacts of expanded use. Dick Fortin explained that the Commission may hold a Public Hearing this summer regarding recreation use of Town lands.

Dick Fortin explained that the Board approved two after-the-fact building permits for structures on Hatch Pond and noted that the Zoning Ordinance does not permit structures within 125 feet of the Pond. Dick Fortin suggested writing letters to the property owners addressing the error.

Dick Fortin stated that he met with Road Agent Stubby Heath regarding projects for 2021 and noted that there has been a request for additional funding for gravel. The Board discussed selling the old one-ton truck and will research the best way to sell the truck.

The Board discussed the request for offering a retirement program and tabled the discussed until next meeting.

Dick Fortin stated that the Town is following the original schedule for the Potter Road bridge and noted that there is a moratorium on these projects by the State if the Town does not move forward this year.

Ed Reilly stated that in response to Ken McKenzie's email, he has placed a call to Larry Nash for clarification on where the Town has placed flags and will report to the Board at their next meeting.

Joyce Blue stated that she utilized several maps and census data to work on the discontinued roads and is ready to show the Board her findings.

The Board reviewed an application for Tax Deferral and tabled the application pending submission of additional paperwork.

Green Mountain Conservation Group advised they will be holding a meeting on Using a Natural Resource Inventory on January 27th, and invited the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to attend.

Action Ambulance Service submitted the November 30th activity reports.

June Garneau of Mapping and Planning submitted a Scope and Agreement for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Children Unlimited submitted their 2021 Warrant Article for funding.

Starting Point submitted information on their 2021 funding request.

The Board reviewed an email from Matthew Watson regarding a possible fundraiser. It was noted that once a definite plan has been developed showing the exact location and details, the Board will meet with Matt to discuss the proposal.

The Board began work on the 2021 operating budget.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes). The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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