

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 19, 2021

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 19, 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.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 1/17/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 1/19/2021 and Eaton Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Agreement. 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 Jaquary 1, 2021 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 Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on January 12, 2021 as amended. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).

Dick Fortin gave an update on the annual adjustment to the Action Ambulance payment and explained that the Selectmen were to meet in September to adjust the contract payment. Joyce Blue stated that the adjustment should wait until next year and that the payment scheduled can be adjusted based on two years of call history. Dick Fortin stated that there is an automatic increase of 3% but that each year the payments are adjusted to reflect actual responses to each Town. Joyce Blue suggested contacting all the Towns to make sure everyone agrees to postpone the adjustment until September 2021. Ed Reilly stated that in order to make sure budgets cover the contract payments, adjustments should be postponed until next year. Ed Reilly requested that a reminder be set for August 15th to schedule a regional meeting to review the ambulance contract payments for 2022.

Dick Fortin stated that the Avitar Town Clerk software will go live on February 1st and that training has started.

Ben Frieden met with the Board and expressed his concern regarding available internet service as his children are remote learners. The Board suggested contacting SAU #9 for possible solutions.

The Board reviewed an application for Disabled Tax Deferral. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to approve the application and sign the document out of session. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

The Board reviewed an email from NHMA legal counsel regarding the sale of Town vehicles. The Board agreed to place an ad in the newspaper once the truck is ready to be sold.

Dick Fortin stated that he reviewed Matt Watson's request for a fundraiser on Lary Road once again and noted that the exact route will be needed before any list of requirements or decisions can be made.

Dick Fortin explained that he has found floor protectors at U-Line. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to move forward with the purchase of floor protectors and to spend up to \$300. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Ed Reilly stated that he spoke with Peter Klose regarding the traffic signs and the possibility of reducing the number to be purchased. It was noted that the Article can be amended at Town Meeting. Dick Fortin stated that his suggestion is to purchase one sign to see if it is effective.

Ed Reilly gave an update on the Planning Board and explained that the Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments was held on January 13th.

Joyce Blue questioned whether the Board will be asking Jess Davis to review the Hatch Cemetery. Dick Fortin suggested that the Cemetery Trustees should be involved in this decision and that the Trust Funds should be reviewed.

NH Department of Safety submitted approval of the Town's PDM Grant in the amount of \$6,999.75 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

The Board reviewed an email from Shane Gurney regarding the sale of the 2014 F-550. It was noted that Shane will be advised of the Zoom link to attend the Selectmen meetings as all meetings are posted and open to the public.

The Gibson Center submitted information and a petition for the 2021 Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed the Lower Mt. Washington Solid Waste District cost breakdowns for the 2021 budget.

Adam and Andrea Nelson submitted a Building Permit application for a 4x4 sign on their property at 2213 Eaton Road (R03-026). The application was reviewed and denied by the Board. The Board will write a letter to the Nelsons explaining that the sign does not meet Eaton's Zoning Ordinance requirements.

The Board reviewed and amended a letter to two property owners on Hatch Pond Road.

Chris Kennedy met with the Board to discuss the Annual School Meeting and requested that the Meeting be approved for the basement of Town Hall on March 9th as only 6 to 8 people typically attend. Ed Reilly questioned whether the Meeting could be held via Zoom. Dick Fortin requested that the Board further discuss the request at their next meeting. Ed Reilly questioned assistance for internet services for remote learners. Chris Kennedy noted that the building principal should be contacted.

The Board continued work on the 2021 proposed operating budget. The Board scheduled a work session on Tuesday, January 26th, at 10 am to continue working on the budget.

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 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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