

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**March 2, 2021**

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, March 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 #2021-02, 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](http://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 February 16, 2021 as written. 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 ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 2/28/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 3/1/2021, Building Permit #202031 (Schofield), Application for Parade Permit, 2021 Assessing Agreement, Statistical Update Contract and correspondence to Matthew Watson and Haylee Halee. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Dick Fortin reminded the Board that the Potter Road bridge project bid opening is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Dick Fortin explained that NHDES is hosting a Sprint Hydrology seminar which addresses flooding due to snow, run-off and melting. Dick Fortin noted that he will try to get information on how to assess culverts to deal with the spring run-off.

Dick Fortin stated that he received a phone call from Marnie Cobbs regarding the use of Conway Lake and the boat launch off Potter Road. Joyce Blue questioned who owns the property at that site and Dick Fortin noted it is Guillermo Herrera. Dick Fortin explained that Marnie Cobbs has suggested writing a letter to Fish & Game requesting that the boat launch on Potter Road which gives access to Conway Lake be removed from their website and that a volunteer be at site on Potter Road to monitor use. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to write a letter to NH Fish & Game and to support a volunteer be present at the boat launch. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).*** It was the unanimous consensus of the Board that authorization and approval by Guillermo Herrera would be obtained before writing a letter to NH Fish & Game.

Dick Fortin stated that Marnie Cobbs also requested that the Eaton beach attendants keep track of the boats entering Crystal Lake and that they pass out information on invasive species. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to have the Eaton Beach attendants interact with the boat owners and to pass out information. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes).***

Dick Fortin noted that there has been no resolution regarding the ambulance service and whether an evaluation meeting is required. Dick Fortin suggested reviewing the contract to determine whether the meeting is a requirement and to possibly set up a Zoom meeting for all six Towns to discuss the issue.

Ed Reilly stated that he has been following HB111 and noted that it is a serious bill that the Board should consider opposing to the Judiciary Committee. It was the consensus of the Board that a letter should be sent voicing the Selectmen's opposition to this Bill.

The Board discussed Highway Department vehicle repairs and requested that bills be separated by vehicle so that costs can be monitored. The Board discussed the ability of the Road Agent renting his/her own equipment and the Town's Procurement Policy.

Iiro Lehtinen joined the Board to discuss his property on Hatch Pond. Dick Fortin explained that the dock is governed by NHDES and that a permit will be required. Iiro Lehtinen indicated that he has submitted an application to the State. Dick Fortin explained that the State Shoreline Protection Act prohibits structures within 50-feet of the shoreline and that the Town has a stricter setback of 125 feet. Iiro Lehtinen questioned how to bring the deck into compliance and noted that it is built on rocks so can be moved. Dick Fortin explained that a Variance can be sought from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, but that the Selectmen cannot approve a structure within the setback.

The Board reviewed the Statistical Revaluation Contract and requested that Jason Call give an interpretation of section 3.6.3.

***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 8:38 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Lianne M. Boelzner*

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