

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 25, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting, New Durham, NH 03855**

Final Approved 03-08-21

*In accordance with Governor's Executive Order #12, pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2; Attendees log into join Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83407529746?pwd=MDRVSUx4amhnVDBMbUxLVTR5cEZEZz09> Meeting ID: 834 0752 9746
Passcode: 941549 Or via telephone number: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 834 0752 9746 Passcode: 941549*

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Chair, Board of Selectman via Zoom
Cecile Chase – Board of Selectman (unable to attend – excused absence)
Dorothy Veisel – Board of Selectman via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Swenson stated that due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu and pursuant to Executive Order #12, 2020-04, the Town is authorized to meet electronically. He stated there is no physical location to observe this meeting. However, in accordance with the Order, it was confirmed that they are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video (Zoom); all members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting; the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate via links posted on the agenda. Chair Swenson confirmed the meeting was posted appropriately with access numbers. He stated in the event the public is unable to access the meeting it would be adjourned and rescheduled. Chair Swenson stated in the event they need to go into non-public session a separate phone number will be used for the Board of Selectmen members to use and they will then enter nonpublic session. Chair Swenson stated all motions would be taken by roll call vote; roll call attendance was taken for those participating in the Zoom meeting.

Chair Swenson noted that Selectman Chase informed Town Administrator Kinmond that she would be attending the meeting but may arrive late.

Chair Swenson made a motion to enter nonpublic session pursuant RSA 91:A-3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the

request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-0-0.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 4:04 p.m.

The Board reentered public session at 4:54 p.m.

Chair Swenson made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes of February 24, 2021 for reasons that it may adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Chair Swenson made a motion to make a conditional offer of employment for a part time interim Town Administrator to candidate #1 with a start date on or about March 22, 2021, for a time period until the Board of Selectmen has determined that the Town Administrator position has been properly filled with a regular full time position and recognizing that the individual candidate #1 would fall under NH RSA 100-A:22 to be exempt from the retirement membership and at an hourly rate of \$50.00 with up to 32 hours per week. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-0-0

OTHER

Chair Swenson stated in follow-up to the education consortium it was agreed by consensus of the Board that they would be willing to join the collaboration with the understanding that the cost to the Town would be about \$1,000. Town Administrator Kinmond stated a formal motion is needed.

Chair Swenson made motion to approve the following wording to join the Coalition 2.0: To authorize the Town of New Durham to participate in the newly formed Coalition Communities 2.0 and to authorize the select board chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Coalition Communities 2.0 on behalf of the Town of New Durham in a form similar to the attached and to further authorize until rescinded, the New Durham select board chair to represent the Town regarding all matters related to the membership in Coalition Communities 2.0, with the understanding that the cost to the Town of New Durham is approximately \$1,000. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-0-0

ADJOURN

Chair Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary