

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 16, 2021, 3:00PM
Virtual Meeting, New Durham, NH 03855**

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Chairman, Board of Selectman –via Zoom

Cecile Chase – Board of Selectman via Zoom

Dorothy Veisel – Board of Selectman via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator–via Zoom

John Scruton, Interim Town Administrator – via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

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 reenter 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.

Appointments/Announcements

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes were made to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Selectman Veisel stated she wants to thank and acknowledge all the Town employees and volunteers that worked at the Town election on Tuesday. She stated it was a very positive environment and everyone worked well together.

Selectman Chase concurred, recognizing the great cooperation and positive attitudes of all involved with the operation of the election.

Chair Swenson made a motion to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to 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; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.

Selectman Chase seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chase – aye; Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 3:09PM.

The Board reentered public session at 4:44PM.

Chair Swenson made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes of March 16, 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 Chase – aye; Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Next Meeting

March 22, 2021: Public Meeting at 6:00PM; Public Hearing for Bennett Road at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN

Chair Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Chase seconded the motion. Roll Call

Vote: Selectman Chase – aye; Selectman Veisel – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary