

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 11, 2021, 2:30PM
Virtual Meeting, New Durham, NH 03855**

*In accordance with Governor's Executive Order #12, pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2
Attendees log into:*

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Chair, Board of Selectman via Zoom
Dorothy Veisel, Board of Selectman via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT

Nicole Zoltko, Town Administrator via Zoom
Sarah Barley, Taxpayer via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 2:44 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 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.

Public Input

Chair Swenson stated that per the Governor's removal of his Executive Order the Board of Selectmen will soon be required to have in-person meetings with a quorum of the Board physically present. He stated other New Durham boards and committees will also be required to meet in-person with a physical quorum present. He stated he hopes they can develop a hybrid process to allow for both in-person along with Live Stream and Zoom attendance by the public. If this can be worked out it could hopefully be a process which will allow virtual interaction by

the public. Selectman Veisel stated the Zoom option allows many more people to be able to participate in the various boards and committees.

Town Administrator Zoltko referenced the notice received from the State of New Hampshire regarding the expiration of the State of Emergency #12 indicating meetings will have to resume in-person June 12, 2021. All meetings must have a physical location along with a quorum of the board / committee. She stated this notice is posted on the Town's website and explained there is some pending legislation regarding the issue of continuing virtual meetings.

Appointments/Announcements

Chair Swenson stated the purpose of this meeting is to go into nonpublic to discuss some conditional offers of employment for potential Town employees.

Chair Swenson made a motion to enter 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.

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 2:54 p.m.

The Board reentered public session at 3:26 p.m.

Chair Swenson made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session of the June 11, 2021 meeting for reasons that it may adversely affect reputation of one other than the Select 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 to Candidate #1 for the Administrative Assistant position with an average of 30 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$16.50 with a review in three months. Conditional offer and employment subject to successfully passing reference checks, financial checks, physical and drug screening, and all New Durham Human Resources hiring policies. 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 that the prior action include an estimated start date of June 21, 2021. 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 to Candidate #2 for the full time 40 hours per week position at the Department of Public Works, Light

Equipment Operator at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Conditional offer and employment subject to successfully passing reference checks, physical and drug screening, and all New Durham Human Resources hiring policies with an estimated start date of June 28, 2021. 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 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary