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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020
TIME: 5:30PM
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Burrill called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Newton NH, I find 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 #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe or listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order I am confirming that we are:

Utilizing Zoom Conference Call for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #929-205-6099.

Meeting ID number is 86907536632. Or using the link provided here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86907536632>

We previously gave the notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the conference call via phone.

If anyone has a problem, please email BOSSecretary@newtonnh.net. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Utilizing Zoom Video Conferencing was Chairman Matthew A. Burrill, Selectmen Lisa L. Gonyer and Kathryn Michaels.

Utilizing Zoom Audio Conferencing was Selectmen Lawrence B. Foote, Charles R. Melvin Sr.

The meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Chairman Burrill.

Unscheduled Business related to COVID-19 response:

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, **Chairman Burrill recommended the following guidance be sent to all town employees:**

In an effort to mitigate the risks of Covid-19 exposure, the Newton Board of Selectmen would like everyone's assistance with limiting all unnecessary contact between employees and department members until further notice.

The Board encourages all employees to limit their entry into town buildings for business reasons. Also, whenever possible, electronic communication such as email or phone calls between departments and buildings should be used over in-person contact unless in-person contact is absolutely necessary.

Seconded by Selectman Michaels. Burrill – aye, Gonyer – aye, Michaels – aye, Foote – aye, Melvin – nay.

The Board also discussed having all future public hearings and meetings related to the 2021 Town Meeting cycle in hybrid format to allow a limited in person attendance with others able to participate via zoom.

II. Scheduled Business

Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – Reputation

Selectman Gonyer moved to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – Reputation at 5:50 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote. Burrill – aye, Gonyer – aye, Michaels – aye, Foote – aye, Melvin – aye.

Selectman Gonyer moved to close the non-public session at 6:27 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Burrill – aye, Foote – aye, Gonyer – aye, Michaels – aye, Melvin – aye

Selectman Gonyer moved that the Board just came out of a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) – Reputation and that they keep all matters discussed confidential until in the opinion of the majority of the Board the circumstances no longer apply. Seconded by Selectman Foote. Burrill – aye, Gonyer – aye, Michaels – aye, Foote – aye, Melvin – aye

Selectman Burrill moved to adjourn at 6:33 PM Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous roll call vote: Burrill – aye, Foote – aye, Gonyer – aye, Michaels – aye, Melvin – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew A. Burrill, Chairman
BOARD OF SELECTMEN