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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2021

Chairman Paight stated, as Chairman of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, 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.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance:

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| Chairman Paight | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |
| Selectman Pitt | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |
| Selectman Nelson | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am. Also present in the Zoom meeting was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Ed Goodrich, Ed Moura and Sharman Howe.

Mr. Goodrich was in attendance with his clients Ed Moura and Sharman Howe to discuss a building permit application for a solar array. The permit issuance is currently pending as there is a question as to whether or not solar panels are subject to the set back rules. Under these kinds of circumstances, the applicant is advised to contact the Land Use Board Clerk to schedule a consultation for clarification. The Board of Selectmen stays away from interrupting the Zoning Ordinance. After much discussion the Board offered several different options for seeking clarification from the Land Use Boards. Mr. Moura and Ms. Howe left the meeting at 11:00 am.

The owners of 8 Fitch Court contacted TA Smith asking if the Selectmen would grant an easement for the portion of the garage that encroaches on the Fitch Court right of way. Since Mr. Goodrich prepared the survey of the area when the new school was being proposed, he was asked to stay in the meeting as he may be able to provide some clarity. In looking at the plan, it appears as though there are two issues, the first is the encroachment of the garage on Fitch Court and the other is the parking area on town property. TA Smith was asked to write to the owners and explain that

they would review and consider an easement for the garage. As far as the parking lot, the Board is not going to grant an easement and all items in the parking area as well as the pavement needs to be removed immediately. Mr. Goodrich left the meeting at 11:50 am.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the May 27, 2021 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$178,805.72, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$668.54 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$10,690.46, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

The Board approved and agreed to sign the following:

- Intent to Cut 21-287-02-T
- Timber Tax Levy 20-287-06-T
- 2021 1st half Tax Warrant
- Building permit application Map 01-028

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept \$450.00 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety: Radio Reprogramming Grant as unanticipated revenue in accordance with NH RSA 31:95 (b), roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Pitt updated the Board on a Zoom meeting held by Southwest Region Planning Commission about some proposed legislation for a broadband matching grant. There is little to no information on how the program will work or the timing. The NHMBB was in the Zoom meeting offering municipalities that have been approved for the July bond sale if they would be interesting in only bonding half of the original amount and waiting until the January 2022 bond sale for the remaining 50% if the matching grant doesn't materialize. The Board discussed the pros and cons and will give this some thought.

Selectman Nelson updated the Board on his meeting with a resident on Laurel Street. They discussed the ditching and saw damage to a culvert believed to have happened during a logging operation a couple of years ago.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to recess the meeting at 1:00 pm until Friday May 28, 2021 at 10:00 am, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Smith, Town Administrator