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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
July 7, 2020

Ms. Pitt 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:

Chairman Pitt	Yes – Present on conference call	No one else in the room
Selectman Paight	Yes – Present on conference call	No one else in the room
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present in the Town Office	

Chairman Pitt opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm at the Marlborough Town Office. She noted that in accordance with NH RSA 231:158, notice of public hearing concerning any action taken by any utility on a previously designated scenic road, needs prior written consent of the official municipal body and notice of such public hearing be duly advertised. The hearing was published in the Keene Sentinel on Tuesday June 23, 2020 and Thursday June 25, 2020 and posted at the Town Office and Post Office.

Also present were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Craig Cashman, DPW Director, Dane D'Arcangelo, Arborist with Eversource, Jim and Sue Velez, property owners on Old Dublin Road and Tom Longacre, property owner on Jaffrey Road.

Mr. D'Arcangelo began by explaining the scope of the project that includes replacing aging infrastructure currently running through a wooded area in a right of way which is not a great layout for reliable service. Eversource is proposing the installation of poles along Old Dublin Road which will include the cutting and trimming of trees in the right of way.

There have been previous discussions with property owners in the area and with DPW Director Cashman and all parties were in agreement with the positioning of the relocated poles.

Mr. Velez raised concerns about the wires and poles currently running through his property. He asked what will happen to the telephone wires and old poles once the electric wires have been removed?

Mr. D'Arcangelo explained that Eversource could not dictate what Consolidated Communications does with their wires or poles. Discussion continued about the property owner's concerns.

Chairman Pitt noted that questions regarding the old wires and poles remains unresolved, and in order for the Board to make a decision on Eversource's request, those who are in a position to make such decisions from both Eversource and Consolidated Communications need to weigh in and make a commitment to the property owners that all wires will be relocated to the new poles and the old poles removed. Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to continue the public hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 10:00 am. Roll call vote Chairman Pitt – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed.

Chairman Pitt asked if there were any additional comments or questions. Noting that there were none she moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:40 pm until the continuance on July 15, 2020 as noted earlier, Selectman Paight seconded. Roll call vote Chairman Pitt – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Roll Call Vote Chairman Pitt - Yes, Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith
Town Administrator