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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES June 11, 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:

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 recessed on June 10, 2021 at 6:10 pm was reconvened at 1:00 pm. Also present in the Zoom meeting were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator and John Hatfield of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, the Town's assessing firm.

Mr. Hatfield was asked to attend this meeting to help the Board understand the range of percentages the Selectmen could grant as an easement under the statute, which is not very clear.

NH RSA 79-C:7 explains the range of values allowed. The first thing to note is that the property being discussed Map 08-038 does not meet the criteria for current use land values. Mr. Hatfield clarified that the Board could grant an easement up to 75% of the land's equalized fair market value. This percentage would reflect the Board's opinion of the public benefit conferred by the property.

After some further discussion Mr. Hatfield left the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to grant a discretionary easement on Map 08-038 in the amount of 25% of the land's equalized fair

market value, 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 adjourn the meeting 1:40 pm, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator