

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Meeting – April 14, 2020  
Town Hall, 620 Old Homestead Highway and remotely using Zoom.  
Swanzey, NH

**ZOOM MEETING during Health Emergency**

Town Administrator Michael Branley hosted a ZOOM online conference call at 2:00 pm at Town Hall due to the public health emergency. Emergency Meeting pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8 and Emergency Order #12, Section 3.

Present were Selectmen W. William Hutwelker, Sylvester Karasinski and Kenneth P. Colby, Jr. Also present was Town Administrator Michael Branley and Recording Secretary Beverly Bernard.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

Notice was given to the public to participate remotely over Zoom by going to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or using the Zoom App on a cell phone, or a landline calling 1 929 205 6099 and entering Meeting ID 235 370 4380 #. The notice also provides a phone number: 352-7411 ext. 107 to call should a member of the public be unable to access the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Attorney Barry Faulkner, Conservation Commission Chair Wally Smith, State Representative Jennie Gomarlo, Lieutenant Brandon West from the Fire Department among others.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Branley gave the update on number of cases in New Hampshire which has now reached 1,020 with 23 deaths and 249 recovered. Branley said absentee ballots must be received by 5 pm by Town Clerk the day before an election. Branley said he will be participating in a call with Senator Jeanne Shaheen regarding federal actions available to New Hampshire municipalities.

Status of ambulance – Brandon West said the ambulance is in Town and it is registered with the State and it is insured. Currently staff is being trained on it and it is being stocked. Colby asked about license for crew and Brandon said the switch to a transport service has been made and application for waiver for ambulance inspection. The department will have a 90-day waiver. West said he had hoped to have the ambulance up and running by now. Colby asked if the ambulance might be ready for action at first of next week and West said yes, he believed it could be ready by then. He said training one person at a time is taking more time than originally anticipated and he had hoped to have it available by now.

Smith said regarding the conference call with Senator Shaheen, if anyone from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is present to ask about reimbursement for the ambulance. Branley said that is the plan and he will ask about it on the call.

Faulkner asked whether New Hampshire has joined the Northeast states consortium to develop a plan to slowly reopen the states. Branley said he knows that Massachusetts has joined but he had not heard anything similar for New Hampshire.

Gomarlo asked if the ambulance would be shared with Richmond or Winchester if need be. West said that isn't the plan at the moment, but it is a valued resource and could be potentially used for other than the current operating plan. Branley said focus is transport in Swanzey should City of Keene and

DiLuzio not be available for Swanzey residents. West said that Swanzey folks have gone to Winchester and Richmond on medical calls in the past. Colby said this is primarily for Swanzey residents.

Meeting over at 2:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beverly Bernard".

Beverly Bernard, Recording Secretary

Approved on April 22, 2020