

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Meeting – May 21, 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 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 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**

Conservation Commission Chair Wally Smith, State Representative Jennie Gomarlo, Health Officer Pam Fortner among others on the call who did not speak

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Branley provided the latest figures for the virus in New Hampshire: 3868 cases, 1388 recovered and 190 deaths. Branley did a Screen Share and showed some statistics and graphs showing overall upward trend in cases. Branley said that for other categories, you see spikes and valleys and not a clear trend. No change in cases in Swanzey. He spoke about the opening of the Town beach which normally opens on Memorial Day. Branley said the Board decided to open the beach, but not open the facilities and not to have staff. There will be port-a-potties and signs for social distancing. Branley said they are still trying to find a way to make Camp work for children. Normally that would be at Richardson Park, but would be easier to keep to social distancing by using other locations. He also noted Old Home Day was discussed at the Board meeting. He said the direction to be attempted is to try to have a parade in some fashion and try to spread people out, so there would not be a reviewing stand. He said they talked about using Zoom or a video to have people enjoy the parade remotely. He said those were the main items discussed. He noted these are directions to look toward but they could change as Governor makes changes to guidance.

Smith asked if there are regulations about use of masks. Branley said the State has released guidelines when it comes to business. In some cases the businesses can be stricter and depends on the business. Smith asked about supermarkets. Branley said he doesn't know for sure what the guidance is. Fortner said some of the businesses are putting up barriers like the Plexiglas being used at cashier stands which would reduce the need for a mask. Branley said he would try to email Smith if he can find the answer to his question.

Colby said Branley covered the Board decisions thoroughly.

Gomarlo said Cheshire County Executive Chris Coates said Swanzey had good input at his meeting.

Meeting ended at 2:15 pm  
Respectfully Submitted,

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

Beverly Bernard, Recording Secretary  
Approved on June 3, 2020