

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Meeting – June 9, 2020  
Town Hall, 620 Old Homestead Highway and remotely using Zoom.  
Swanzey, NH

*Note: Draft Minutes are subject to review, correction and approval by the Board. Review and approval of Minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.*

**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 Administrative Assistant Jenna Fraunfelder.

**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**

Barry Faulkner, Recreation Director Aaron Cherry, Library Director Caddie Gregory, Steve Bittel and Jane Johnson

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Update for this date: 5079 cases, 287 deaths, 3392 recovered. Branley said Cheshire County has a total of 13 current cases and Swanzey has 0 current cases. Fraunfelder gave a brief overview on summer camp registration. Fraunfelder stated that she and the Recreation Director reached out to the waitlist families to let them know that registrations are open and what to expect this summer. Registration opened this morning for the families on the waitlist. On Friday registrations will be open to the general public. We currently have 6 signed up for session one and 5 signed up for session 2. Recreation Director Aaron Cherry also stated WMUR has reached out to him after seeing the press release. They would like input on how towns are doing camps this year. Branley talked about the needed supplies camp will need and that the staff is working on securing these items in the coming week.

Branley mentioned last Friday the Governor stated the State of Emergency order will stay for the foreseeable future, the Governor stated he hope to let the Stay of Home order lapse when it expires on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Branley said restaurants in our county can open to full capacity for indoor dining with social distances guidelines on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Rockingham and Hillsborough county restaurants can only open at 50% capacity.

Library Director Caddie Gregory said Mt. Caesar Union library is doing full curbside returns and pickups. People just need to call to tell them what they want. Gregory mentioned the State Library though the CARES Act bought a platform for summer reading program that library can use for two years. She also stated she is working with Lisa Willy for Monadnock School District. Gregory stated the library will also be doing a toddler program remotely this summer. She also stated the library received a grant for 1772

Foundation. Money needs to spent on historic projects and the library will be refurbished their old windows.

Steve Bittel asked Branley how he was doing getting numbers from departments for CIPC. Branley said he thought they were holding off on that. Bittel said we should start thinking about it by the end of the month. Bittel asked how Branley feels about revenue in the next few months. Branley stated the Tax and Assessing offices have received about the normal number calls after tax bills go out, he doesn't feel we will have a fallout in the next few weeks or month revenue wise.

Barry Faulkner mentioned tonight New Hampshire Gives is running a donation drive from 6 pm tonight to 6 pm tomorrow. There will be matching donations up to \$250,000 from 6 pm – 8 pm tonight.

Gregory asked about the Main Street Relief Fund. Non-Profits do not qualify; she wanted to know if there is a fund for Non-Profits. Branley said he thinks the funds available for non-profits are more geared towards Health and Human Services. Gregory asked if they should be submitting their expense through FEMA or through the Town. Branley stated he will have to check with Health Officer to ask how FEMA rep. Branley stated so far the Town hasn't had enough relevant expenses to use FEMA.

Faulkner mention the legislature is back in session on Thursday.

Hutwelker asked the other board members how they can honor the Police force during these times. Whether it is a public statement or a private letter. Colby agrees this is a rough time and 99.5% of police are good solid workers. Branley will come up with something for the board to consider at their next meeting.

Jane Johnson stated the Old Home Day Committee is planning on honoring Police, Fire and Health Care workers at the Old Home Day Parade. There will only be a parade this year.

Meeting over at 2:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Fraunfelder, Administrative Assistant  
Approved on June 17, 2020