

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday March 18, 2020
Administrative Office, 2nd Floor , Room 23, Town Hall 140 Wood St. Somerset, MA

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on March 18, 2020 at 9:30 am.

Present: Town Administrator – Richard Brown, Selectman David Berube (Chair), Board of Health Agent - Timothy Turner, Secretary to Town Administrator – Nancy Fournier, Remote participation by Selectman Steven Moniz and Selectman Holly McNamara.

The meeting was called to order in open session by Chairman Berube at 9:30 am.

Chairman Berube reported the meeting is being recorded. This meeting is to conduct business in a way to conform to the directives of keeping a distance of six feet between people.

New Business - Vote to authorize Designees to represent the Town and execute contract for supply of electricity for the Community Electricity Aggregation – Primary Representative: Richard Brown, Alternate representative: Joseph Bolton. This is being voted on so the town can have it record. A motion To vote to authorize Designees to represent the Town and execute contract for supply of electricity for the Community Electricity Aggregation – Primary Representative: Richard Brown, Alternate representative: Joseph Bolton was made by Selectman Moniz, seconded by Selectman McNamara and unanimously approved by Selectmen 3-0.

Supporting Documents: Aggregate contract.

Vote to Declare State of Emergency in the Town of Somerset - Selectman chair David Berube read the Declaration of Emergency which is attached. Town Administrator stated he declared the emergency to make sure all bases are covered. This will make it easier to secure funding if need be. The Board of Selectmen will be able to expend funds as needed.

Selectman Moniz asked how we are dealing with restaurant take out. Board of Health Agent Tim Turner stated he is planning to visit larger stores and restaurants. He stated curbside is going well so far. Selectman Moniz stated he is glad they are adhering. If a violation is to occur what are the consequences? The answer to that is criminal penalties and the Town can revoke licenses. If you have questions please call the office. As of now for example, Home Depot are allowed 25 people in at one time. Selectman Mc Namara asked for a brief letter from the Board of Health explaining the 25 person limit.

Selectman Moniz asked that new information updates be given as soon as possible. He asked that thy be posted and also sent to the Board.

Town Administrator stated a Nixle will be sent out later today declaring a Town State of Emergency. If you receive it by email it will be larger and the website continues to be updated as needed.

Selectman Moniz stated SATV may have the ability to go live with updates. Town Administrator Richard Brown stated let the experts handle this.

The Election will be held as scheduled. Board of Selectmen has to meet to sign the warrant, but there is still time as related to the Town Meeting.

Towns have the ability to postpone Town Meeting but it has to be held before June 30, 2020. The Governor is working on a bill so if Town Meetings are postponed after July 1, 2020 there will be funds available.

Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting – None.

Other – Selectmen's Meeting will be essential items only. Tim can work with SATV regarding COVID -19.

A motion to adjourn was made by Selectman Moniz, seconded by Selectman McNamara and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of Selectmen 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted for Steven Moniz
Nancy Fournier