

SELECT BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2020 5:30PM

Quorum noted

A. 5:30 PM: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Donhauser.

B. Roll Call: Mr. Lytle, Mr. Donhauser, Mr. Orestis and Mr. McPherson.

Absent: Mr. Murphy (excused).

C. Pledge of Allegiance recited

D. Moment of Silence observed

E. Public Comment:

5:31 PM 1) Supt. John Caverly, MSAD #35

Mr. Caverly wanted to meet the SB and share a little about himself as the new superintendent of MSAD #35. He moved here from western Massachusetts in 2004, originally being from Bath, Maine. He moved back as a teacher and diversified into other district positions until he became the superintendent. He shared his three points of emphasis, which are looking for quality instruction for the district students by focusing on building community and culture amongst our staff to be the best they can be for our students; to create alternate pathways to help the students show proficiency to include college, vocational careers, and the soft skills that help to maintain community values and be a good citizen; to focus on school safety by partnering with the Eliot and South Berwick Police Departments, auditing traffic to improve safety and looking at implementing ALICE training in the schools.

5:34 PM Mr. Lytle asked, regarding the school septic system, where they stand today as to where they are today and for the long-term.

Mr. Caverly said that we have 3½ years left on our current license with the overboard discharge; that when it comes to the sewer piece, that is ultimately the decision of the voters of Eliot. There is a caveat in our license that, if sewer came through, we would have to hook into it within 180 days. If it doesn't happen, there are things we would do to accommodate for that, working with the State, civil consultants, and local people. Reiterating that that would ultimately have to be addressed and, if the sewer were to come, that would be a positive we would be involved with. He added that they are planning an audit of the system in the spring and to have a contingency plan in place if the system should fail. He also added that this is part of our ongoing monthly conversations with the towns. He said that the high school is currently on sewer with South Berwick.

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5:38 PM Mr. Donhauser asked, regarding student population throughout the system, if it was growing, stagnant, or dropping.

Mr. Caverly said that it looks like it will go down next year by about 45 students. In our high school, the capacity is around 1,000 and we are currently at around 730. With every student who attends grades 7 through 12 from Rollinsford, we receive a per diem.

Mr. Donhauser asked if Traip Academy has shown any interest in joining the school district.

Mr. Caverly said no. The last time that came up was in 2007 when the funding formula was changed and would cost districts more money. He added that we meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month with both towns at 8AM. Some great collaborations have come out of those meetings and Select Board members are welcome. We have been talking about getting a traffic light at the high school, which we have made progress on because we have three voices at the table talking to the DOT.

The SB thanked Mr. Caverly for coming.

5:41 PM 2) Sterling Roop, U.S. Census Update

Mr. Roop wished everyone a happy new year and said that this is an exciting year for us at the Census Bureau because this is the year of our decennial census. We run surveys and censuses all the time but this is the year of our constitutionally-mandated exercise where we need to count every single person in the United States. It's the sixth sentence of the Constitution, Article 1, §2 and is very important because that is how our congressional seats are appropriated and also funding roads and the school system; that \$675 billion a year are allocated based on census data. This isn't something we think about very often but it touches our lives on a day-to-day basis. We are seeking to get the word out to everyone we can, to partner with local governments, with local community organizations, and individual citizens, that the census is safe, easy, and important. He explained that anyone working for the Census is sworn to protect any personal information we come across, taking it to the grave, and is a \$250,000 fine and/or 5 years in jail for violating that oath. We take it very seriously. We also will never share any personal information with any other government agency, not with the Town Manager nor the President. We only share statistical information with other agencies. Personal information is strictly kept by us and never shared, with one exception. 72 years later, we make census data public for genealogical and historical purposes. He added that the census is nine simple questions. Discussing the timeline, the first invitation to respond will go out in the middle of March and you can do that online and through a phone call. If someone doesn't respond,

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we'll send a few reminders. Then, in the middle of April, you will get the paper ballot that we've always had and, if you don't do that, we'll send you a couple of reminders. Then, at the very end, we will send someone out to your house if you haven't responded and that will be someone from your community. We are now in the process of recruiting and hiring 1,000's of people just here in the State of Maine. Our recruiting target for York County is almost 2,000 people. We are paying \$20/hour, you set your own schedule, you get \$.58/mile mileage reimbursement. It's a great opportunity to earn some money and do a civic duty. The census is really a federal exercise but it's really driven by our communities and it benefits our communities at the really local level. Mr. Lee has been a great support. I have given you a packet of information to help us reach out and we have a great Census-in-Schools Program. Also, we want to make the data available to the public. It's a public resource so we have a data dissemination program and we can do webinars with people in the Town, say, with the Planning Board, or the Select Board would like to learn about our online tools; that this could benefit town planning and administration.

5:48 PM Mr. Lee said that the Aging-in-Place Committee has been using the Census Data Center. It has been really helpful because we're looking to do a tax assistance program for seniors so we have to know what % of seniors, what % of low income, etc. and it's really good data. He added that his wife worked for the Census 20 years ago and they do put a lot of emphasis on personal safety and if you don't feel safe, they don't want you to carry on.

The SB thanked him for coming.

5:50 PM 3) Residents of Sunrise Street: re: Sewer Costs

There were several residents present from Sunrise Street.

Mr. (Terry) Chick, Sunrise Street, said that the Sewer Ordinance says that combined sewers are prohibited and asked if the sewer main is put in on Route 236, would it run down the side streets like Sunrise Street.

Mr. Lee said that it's not intended to run down side streets at this point. It has to be for economic development so it has to be the center core. If we did anything with side streets, we'd have to do that with our own sewer fund at our own expense to pick up residences.

Mr. Chick said that we would have four lateral mains in that right-of-way (we have four families) and we would have to do it separately. Wondering if we might want a water main in there; that that is quite a few lines in one little right-of-way. It seems rather cumbersome. The TIF money is being used to pay for the construction of the sewer main, asking if that will have an impact on the system

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development charge, maybe keep that down to a minimum. He asked what the role was for the system development charge for each resident.

5:52 PM Mr. Lee explained that that charge is the charge we use when a pipe goes by the front of your door. As you pointed out in your letter, properly I think, you are concerned that residents who are on limited incomes and don't have \$5,000 to \$6,000 to hook in don't want to pay some fee just because it runs by their door nor pay to have a site assessor come out to look at your septic to prove that it is fine. I very well understood Mr. Chick's point and thinks he drafted a very good letter for the SB and they do have your letter. I think it is something we're going to need to look into. We just recently passed that ordinance but, candidly, there wasn't a lot of thought put into the few residences that are out amongst the commercial corridor. He thought Mr. Chick made a good point to me about re-looking at that and possibly considering a waiver or something for affected residences.

Mr. Chick suggested that the TIF money could possibly have an impact on that system fee for that particular project.

Mr. Lee said that he could ask our TIF attorney if funds could be used in some way to help with some of these things you have brought up. He wanted to give residents on Sunrise Street a chance to speak and see if the SB agrees that we should look into some sort of remedy for this.

5:54 PM Mr. Chick asked, when the sewer main is completed on Route 236, what will Eliot's percentage share of capital improvement be to the Kittery Sewer District in the future.

Mr. Lee said that he spoke with them and we have a 10% capital improvement (by contract) and they are going to stay at 10%. They may want to re-do the contract at some point if we extend this but, for the time being, we understand the 10% would stay the same.

5:55 PM Mr. (Mike) Fetterolf, Sunrise Street, said my concern was with the requirement to hook up within 90 days after sewer is installed. I know there are pieces of it that say if you don't hook up, you have to have a bi-annual check on your current private sewer system. I understand the reasoning behind that but the second part to this 90-day issue is the requirement that, if you sell your property, the buyer has 90 days after the sale to hook up. My particular piece of property is landlocked, in essence. I have properties all the way around mine. My property will affect at least three others if we go down the right-of-way that we currently have or I have to go through another set of properties. I have to go through at least three properties to get out to do the hook-up, which would definitely affect my selling, if that ever happens. In essence, it has lowered my property value because

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the buyers aren't going to want to look at my property as a more likely situation if they have to spend a certain amount of money to hook up to a system that they can't get to conveniently.

5:57 PM It was noted that Mr. Fetterolf would either have to follow Sunrise Street or go across private property to reach Route 236.

Mr. Fetterolf said that I have a creek behind me, Modernist Pantry to one side, and Dave Damon's property is directly across from mine as well as one of the corner properties that is actually part of what I use as a back yard.

Mr. (Ed) Henningsen said that there is a distance limitation of 250 feet to the property line. If they are within 250 feet it becomes a sewer issue. If they are beyond that they don't have to hook up.

It was noted that the issue was not opposition to the sewer on Route 236 but the requirements that the residences of Sunrise Street hook up to it.

5:59 PM Mr. Donhauser said that it's possible that we should revisit this ordinance because that was not contemplated. I think this merits some attention.

Mr. Lee agreed. I think we're imposing some hardships we didn't intend to

Mr. McPherson asked how many residential properties there are.

Mr. Lee said that Seeley Lane was one; that there aren't many so it wouldn't be a big hit, one way or the other, if we were to do something. They would get hit just as hard as some of those big businesses.

6:01 PM Mr. (Dave) Damon, Sunrise Street, said that my biggest concern is that I don't think the residential aspect has been taken into consideration pretty much at all. I'm a senior citizen and on a fixed income and a big blast like this I would have to move. I wouldn't have any choice. I have no qualms about putting in septic for big business and better business but businesses can use it as a tax write-off, etc. We can't touch it and our property values will go down. I think all that needs to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Donhauser said that I think you have agreement from the Board that we will revisit this.

Mr. Lee said that I'm hearing consensus from that we work with our sewer engineers and take another look at this ordinance, maybe involve these residents with their ideas. He would come back to the Board with something we might even

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be able to amend in June to help. This is not going to be a bunch of serious amendments to help these fellows out.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

6:03 PM Motion by Mr. McPherson, second by Mr. Lytle, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019; November 14, 2019; December 12, 2019, as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Lytle – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

G. Department Head/Committee Reports

6:04 PM 1) Appoint Jay Muzeroll: Fire Chief and Fire Warden

Mr. Lee said that Chief Muzeroll was unable to attend but he did recommend the SB appoint unless there were concerns

Mr. McPherson moved, second by Mr. Orestis, that the Select Board appoint Jay Muzeroll as the Fire Chief and Fire Warden for the period of January 2020 to January 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Lytle – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

H. Administrative Department

6:05 PM 1) Town Manager Report(s)

There were no questions or requested clarifications.

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6:06 PM 2) Process for Replacing a Select Board Member

Mr. Donhauser said that we need to address that Mr. Murphy may not be coming back.

Mr. Lee said that Mr. Lytle knows Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Murphy's nephew, and Mr. Bartlett does not believe that Mr. Murphy will be leaving the facility where he is and will probably reside there for quite some time. He added that we have not declared the seat vacated and we can continue to operate for 180 days without filling the position. I would recommend the SB declare the seat vacant, per the Charter notes he gave the SB regarding §§2.9, 2.3, and 7.11, and have him notify both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Bartlett that that decision has been made. If his situation changes and he would be able to resume, we would take that under advisement. The SB may choose to leave that seat vacant for a period of time and look to fill it at the June election. He added that the SB could hold off any action until he has sent the letters and given Mr. Murphy a chance to respond. If Mr. Murphy does intend to come back, then we don't have to worry about this but, if not, there would have to be a declaration on the 23rd that the seat is empty and whether the SB wants to fill it during that time period.

6:09 PM Ms. (Donna) Murphy asked that Mr. Lee fully read the Charter sections he was citing.

Mr. Lee read the pertinent sections (Document available at Town Hall).

6:12 PM Mr. Donhauser said a point that was brought up through some correspondence was that, if the Charter doesn't explicitly talk about how to fill any vacancy, there is a State statute that does – Title 30-A, §2602 Vacancy in Municipal Office. We may not only be relying on our Charter but the State statute, as well.

Ms. (Donna) Murphy suggested getting a letter, regarding not returning, from the Selectman you are trying to remove or that person's guardian, if that is the situation that exists. This could set a pretty dangerous precedent to do this without documentation.

Mr. Donhauser clarified that they are only in discussion and are not going forward with anything. It was a good comment and we certainly want to do the correct thing. It is not my intent to remove Mr. Murphy, or that of any of the Board members, as far as he knows. I do think that we need to have a full Board eventually.

6:14 PM Mr. Lee agreed Ms. Murphy's point was well-made; a letter from the guardian, perhaps, would be best. I was thinking of a certified mailing to the guardian and

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to the facility with Mr. Murphy stating that we are seeing if he plans to return or would like to resign.

6:15 PM Mr. McPherson said, to be part of the next election, someone would have to take papers out in April and asked if there was any hurry in the next two months, as far as Mr. Murphy's health; that hopefully, he would recover from what he has. If Mr. Murphy has the opportunity to come back, that's his seat. He's earned it. If he doesn't, that gives us time to find out if he can't.

Mr. Lee agreed. He asked if we should write the letter and get some documentation for a recommendation.

Mr. Orestis said that I don't think there's any point in rushing through this and that we take the proper steps in this.

Mr. Lee suggested he get some documentation from the guardian, from the hospital, from Mr. Murphy on his status and come back to the SB, as time permits, since we're not in a great rush.

There was a brief discussion regarding the State statutory language: **F. Failure to qualify for the office within 10 days after written demand by the municipal officers;** that an example would be if someone were elected and then moved out of town, which would disqualify that person.

Mr. Lee said that he would probably work with an attorney to craft the letter to cover this sort of thing. We'll take our time, slow down, and do it right.

6:19 PM 3) Draft Boat Basin Analysis

Mr. Lee discussed his memo, saying that you have to make a lot of assumptions going into these, which makes this kind of assumption difficult. Summarizing, if we were to go with more employees manually monitoring parking, launching, etc., the staff pricing would make new revenues pretty limited in his estimation. However, I think it's clear that with the \$20,000 parking ticket system, along with use of our VIP folks keeping at least 24 hours/week, you will make a fair amount with the anticipated 7-day-a-week revenue and with an expanded season. He discussed some of the variables he used and said that he did the best that he could with the numbers and anecdotal observations in order to proceed with it. I haven't gone into the realm of policy, yet, as he thought Ms. Murphy had previously made some good points to consider and we are heading into budget deliberations that include the parking ticket system for the Boat Basin.

6:22 PM Mr. McPherson asked if we needed an attendant down there every day all day. If the signage is correct – this is the system, this is the fine – if somebody is going

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out on a boat, they are going out for hours, not like downtown Portsmouth if you want to run into a shop to pick up a sandwich and leave. He added that he thought the Harbormaster was down there quite a lot.

Mr. Lee agreed the Harbormaster was down there quite often.

6:23 PM Mr. McPherson said that I don't believe, with the Harbormaster and the Police down there frequently and the warning sign posted, that we need someone down there all day every day to make sure people are paying.

Mr. Lentz asked if we were talking about parking ticket or are we talking about boat launch. They are different and there are different areas of the area down there. If it's parking, I'm not in favor of charging residents anything to park there and go sit on the beach with their kids.

Mr. Lee no. There is a lot of parking there that would accommodate those people and that would be excluded from this. This only pertains to the long parking spots that accommodate trucks and boat-trailers. We could call it parking for launching to clarify.

6:26 PM Ms. (Donna) Murphy said that this memo does not reflect the ongoing maintenance costs and that needs to be considered. She was also concerned about the potential negative impact on revenue from people like Independent Boat Haulers who don't park down there but frequently launch boats for other people.

Mr. Donhauser said that Independent Boat Haulers is not any part of this. They have a contract, or some arrangement with the Town, that they can bring their boats down there and launch them at will. If you are an individual boat-owner and you drive your vehicle down there, you would now be under the auspices of this ticketing system.

Mr. Lee added that, even before we asked them to, Independent Boat Haulers willingly sent us several thousands of dollars a year for using the launch. He did think it might be a good idea to have a more solid contract with them going forward rather than the graciousness of their heart. They have been treating us pretty well. They came to us voluntarily and said they should be giving you a lot of money because we use this facility a lot and the Town agreed so we worked that out.

6:28 PM Mr. (Jim) Tessier said we have some guidance to dictate how this is handled down at the Boat Basin so we could set up a system, independent of any system you set up, that commercial haulers pay a fee, or annual fee, and cover that whole piece and make that go away.

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Mr. Lee agreed. That would be a piece of these profits I hadn't really contemplated about going to them to let them know what we're doing and that we will need 'this' amount per year if you intend to continue to use this facility. I am sure they would say fine.

6:29 PM Mr. Tessier said that currently we have no way of knowing if boat-launchers who park have paid their fee unless the Boat Basin is manned. He suggested having a two-piece receipt, with one copy going into the box and the other on their windshield for the upcoming season.

Mr. Lee said that that was a good idea. He said that enhancing the generation of revenue would improve the roadway, extend our dock and keep the facility up. He clarified that he has put \$20,000 in the budget for this project.

6:33 PM Ms. (Donna) Murphy said that I'm not for or against this yet. I am concerned with the assumptions made and believe we need some numbers that show, five years out, the cost to get it, the yearly cost, and generate that so we know what that number is and what to expect, in general. I don't see that on here.

Mr. Lee said I indicated a couple of weeks ago, with this analysis, that it was going to be very difficult. We have anecdotal data and I knew that it would require a lot of assumptions. If I have no data, there are no hard numbers, and I have to make some assumptions. He can give her the spreadsheet and she can pop in percentages however she would like to do it but any time someone is asked to do analysis without data, you're just asking for trouble.

Ms. (Donna) Murphy said that I'm not expecting exact numbers. I would like to see the expenses to this, not just the revenue. There are ongoing costs to this, such as the maintenance of the machine.

6:35 PM **4) TIF Project Follow-up - RFQ**

Mr. Lee said that I and Mr. Henningsen collectively worked on this document that you have in front of you, which is the Request for Qualifications for general engineering services. We have approximately 15 engineering firms identified that we can send it out to. We may trim that down some based on where they are located. We are hoping to put this RFQ out January 16th and anticipate the award of the contract March 12th. We are contemplating using a volunteer panel so that there is a sense that whatever Board looked at it was unbiased toward Underwood. Possibly using the Kittery Sewer or South Berwick Public Works Director, etc. on the panel would be the fairest way to assess whether Underwood is still the best choice for our Town.

6:38 PM Mr. Lentz asked if the result of the RFQ will be an engineering firm selection.

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Mr. Lee said yes.

Mr. Lentz asked if this was strictly sewer or would this be over-all engineering, such as building roads, sewer, water.

6:39 PM Mr. Lee said that this one is primarily geared toward sewer and water but it would be our engineer of record. I don't use Underwood for road projects, generally speaking. We use them for utility work so we have aimed it in that direction. He clarified that what we are looking for is a breadth in civil engineering, including building roads.

6:40 PM Mr. Henningsen said that Underwood provide us with four sample RFQs. He modified the one from Newington, NH to suit our requirements. The TIF Committee, and a member who is an architect, reviewed this.

Mr. Lentz asked if Underwood was part of writing up that RFQ.

Mr. Lee said no. They gave us a proto-type and we change the one we used quite a lot. He had asked what Underwood might have received from towns who had bothered to write these things; that they gave us three or four and we looked them over and chose what we thought was the best of the best. Underwood has never seen the draft.

6:42 PM **5) Approve Warrants**

Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Lytle, that the Select Board approve A/P Warrant #125 in the amount of \$12,390.00, dated December 11, 2019; A/P Warrant #80 in the amount of \$168,684.44, dated December 5, 2019; A/P Warrant #82 in the amount of \$969,658.51, dated December 12, 2019; A/P Warrant #84 in the amount of \$48,982.72, dated December 19, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Lytle – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

I. New Business:

6:44 PM **Nominees Sought for Spirit of America Award**

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Mr. Lee said that the deadline for us to present out Volunteer of the Year is February 28th, 2020. I would encourage anyone who would like to nominate someone for the Spirit of America – your outstanding volunteer – to do that by February 18th so that I can get it before the SB for a final determination. I know of at least several in this community that are very deserving so I do hope people take the time and nominate one another. We have lots of people who have done great work for the Town and I think it's great to recognize them. Send me an email, stop in, or write a letter.

Mr. Orestis asked that that be put on the website and out on the alert notification.

J. Old Business:

6:45 PM 1) Amend Financial Policies (2nd Reading)

Mr. Lee said that this is the amending of the Purchasing Policy when formal and informal bidding gets triggered. Essentially, it's the doubling of amounts at which each step takes place.

Mr. Donhauser said that I am in support of doing this because we have a very low bid level criterion. Since my time on the Board, I can't recall one we didn't approve; that there are very few things that cost less than \$5,000 for municipal purposes.

Mr. Orestis discussed his concern for the first sentence of §4.1, which says, "The Department Head shall conduct and document informal, competitive price quotes for purchases over twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and under four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$4,999) and we'd be bumping that to \$5,000." So, under \$5,000, any department head would not need to document an informal competitive price quote for those purchases, asking if that was correct. He would like to keep that language in the first sentence for informal price quotes.

Mr. Lee said that I would be fine with that. That makes some sense as it achieves the biggest thing I'm concerned about and, at the same time, protects those other concerns.

Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Lytle, that the Select Board adopt the amended Financial Policies, with Selectman Orestis' amendment.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Lytle – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

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Mr. McPherson - Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

6:50 PM 2) Amend Select Board Policies (2nd Reading)

Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Lytle, that the Select Board accept the amended Select Board Policies, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Lytle – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

K. Selectmen's Report:

6:51 PM 1) Seeking Committee Members

Mr. Donhauser said that we are always seeking committee members.

Mr. Lee asked about the Planning Board.

Mr. Lentz said that I'm going to lose the last of my alternates in June. He's resigning so I have no alternate members. He asked if we could put a special push out there. The workload is heavy right now and getting worse so we need all the help we can get.

6:52 PM Ms. (Donna) Murphy, Budget Committee, said that Mr. Strong goes to Florida each year and Skyped last year, which is no longer allowed. I've asked what his plan is for participation. He is going to be watching all the streaming and submitting letters in writing with any comments or concerns and he's intending to fly back in for the vote. We have another member elected in November and I got an email from Ms. Holt saying that she was unable to attend our January meeting due to being away and that she won't be attending any meetings in February or March because she's in Florida. I have called her twice and not received a response on what her intent is for participation and whether she's going to be back here for the vote. A third situation is that Ms. Long, who has been present for all our meetings, has an immediate family member facing a serious illness and lives out-of-state, so there are going to be times when she's not able to participate. With an exact quorum, I have advised that nobody get sick.

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6:53 PM Mr. Lentz said that I don't understand this Skyping thing. We've used it for two or three years and everything worked beautifully. Now, all of a sudden, we're not allowed to use Skype. I thought it only applied to departments.

Mr. Lee said that I believe I have a legal opinion on my computer that I could get to you.

Ms. (Donna) Murphy agreed that Skyping is not allowed. We have talked with MMA and I have reached out to our State representative and she got a response to me on what the future of that looks like. There isn't anything that can be brought forth with the current legislation and there are people who are evidently opposed to out. There is a possibility that the legislature could address this next year that would allow towns to opt in or opt out.

Mr. Lee said that the legislature is going to have to acknowledge that technology changes all the time and that people are participating all the time in meetings, and so forth. The one thing I see is that, if you are going to allow it, it needs to be on a screen that's big enough that if the Budget Committee is being filmed, I can also see a picture of the Budget Committee member that is Skyping in.

6:55 PM Mr. Tessier said that, just from a logic standpoint, it sure makes a huge difference if you are talking about the State House and its hundreds of members, with 25 people wanting to Skype in. That's a lot different from the 7- or 5-member committee in a small town and one person is using Skype. It has worked very well with Mr. Strong and it seems we, as a Town, need to be proactive to see what we can do to change this. He added that, at this point, if we have a member sick, we can't have a budget committee meeting. If that's an extended illness, we're in trouble.

6:56 PM Mr. Orestis said that I am in full agreement and I doubt the Board opposes. I have conducted all of my business for the past four years via Zoom or GoTo Meeting, the same as Skype. I think we can all be proactive to our State representatives to let them know that this is something that's important.

Mr. McPherson discussed his concern for members keeping their Eliot residency current while being a member of a Town committee and going to another state for an extended time.

L. Executive Session

6:58 PM Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Orestis, that the Select Board enter into executive session as allowed by 1 M.R.S.A. §405. E. Legal Consultation.

7:30 PM Out of executive session. No action was taken.

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M. Adjourn

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

VOTE

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Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Lemire, Recording Secretary

S/Mr. Richard Donhauser, Chair

Date approved: February 13, 2020_