



## **TOWN OF DEERING**

### ***Board of Selectmen***

762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2020**

#### **Selectmen's Meeting**

Selectmen present: Bill Whisman, Allen Belouin, Rebecca Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 1800.

Mr. Whisman made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### **Consent Agenda**

a. Employee Payroll	<b>October 21<sup>st</sup> \$12,777.62</b>
b. Employee Payroll	<b>October 21<sup>st</sup> \$939.56</b>
c. Employee Payroll	<b>October 28<sup>th</sup> \$12,433.90</b>

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Review & Discussion of Face Covering Policy**

The Board reviewed a temporary universal mask wearing policy aimed at both preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus and safeguarding the health of election volunteers - many of whom fall into the high-risk group because of age - and the Deering voters at large. There currently is a surge of the virus in Hillsborough County and Board members remain particularly worried about the best means of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of Deering residents during the election process. To that end it was determined that the authority granted the Board of Selectmen under RSA 41:11-a (I), and following CDC guidance to prevent the spread of the virus, and following Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #70, that they mandate a universal mask wearing policy for any and all individuals entering the Town Offices during the timeframe of the entire election process. Mr. Whisman made the motion to approve and adopt the universal mask wearing policy for all individuals entering the Town Office effective October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (see attached policy). Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

##### **Discussion - Assistant town clerk position**

The Board reviewed the candidates and noted that they wanted to conduct an in-person interview with the candidate who previously interviewed by phone due to scheduling conflicts. The TA was directed to work out the scheduling. There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Whisman made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 2128.

Respectfully Submitted,

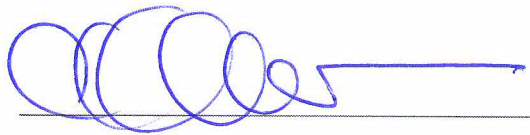
\s\ Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator

**Universal Mask Wearing Policy  
For All Individuals Entering The  
Town Offices**

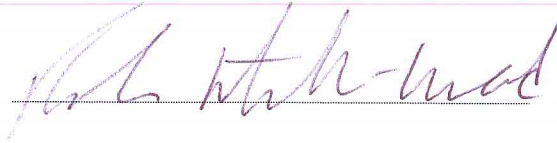
The Deering Board of Selectmen is concerned about the increasing numbers of COVID-19 infections. Given that there is an ongoing global pandemic and that cases of the virus, COVID-19, are currently on the rise, this Board of Selectmen remains concerned about the health, safety, and welfare of Deering residents. With the safety of Deering residents uppermost in our thoughts, and by the authority granted the Board of Selectmen under RSA 41:11-a (I), and following CDC guidance to prevent the spread of the virus, and following Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #70, hereby mandate a universal mask wearing policy for any and all individuals entering the Town Offices during the timeframe of the entire election process. This policy applies to the interior of the Town Offices. The duration of the policy shall take effect on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and remain in effect through November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This policy is applicable to all individuals (regardless of purpose) who enter into the Town offices during this timeframe.

Adopted on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

William Whisman  
Chair



Rebecca Mitchell  
Selectman



Allen Belouin  
Selectman

