

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2020 – 3:00 PM
REMOTE LOCATION

On June 12, 2020, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 3:00 PM remotely from various locations. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM by Chairman Fabian. Selectmen present were: Chairman Fabian and Selectman LaCamera. Also present were Maureen Candito, Town Administrator, Katherine Goodfellow, Town Moderator and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the June 12, 2020 public meeting of the **Board of Selectmen** shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to [facebook.com/lakecam](https://www.facebook.com/lakecam) (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>**

Chairman Fabian then read an introduction regarding the need for a remote meeting and how a remote meeting will be conducted.

Discuss a reduction in the quorum for the Special and Annual Town Meeting – June 23, 2020

Kathryn Goodfellow, Town Moderator, was present for the discussion. Chairman Fabian said the Annual Town Meeting will be first. At the time we made this decision, the State said only financial and Federal deadline matters could be on Town Meeting. However, things have changed since then, but reducing the quorum is still an option. Our quorum is 100. We are here to discuss if we will reduce the quorum and if so, by how much. Ms. Goodfellow said it is the State's recommendation that Towns reduce their quorum. This is a temporary quorum reduction and applies only during the State of Emergency. The quorum can be no less than 10% of the regular quorum. She would like a quorum reduction of 25% to both Town Meetings. This does not mean that only 25 people can participate; everyone that attends can participate. Residents have expressed concern that some of the items, like Route 79 and the Treasurer's Article will be passed with only a few people. Does the Board want to retain all the items on the warrants? Lowering the quorum makes sense because some people are afraid to attend the meeting.

Selectman LaCamera said he likes the 25% quorum. The Route 79 Article must be passed by the June 16th election and Town Meeting by June 30th or we lose the \$10 million funding. The marijuana zoning has been put off since last fall. There is a moratorium on marijuana facilities and if this is not passed, the moratorium would be lifted and the zoning would stay as is. Ms. Candito said this is not to preclude anyone's right to vote; it is just to make sure that if less than 100 people show up, we can still complete the Town's business. Chairman Fabian said people are posting and asking questions on Facebook, saying it may not be fair to have a small amount of people to be voting. The Town is working hard to keep people safe. The State is trying to get elections and Town Meetings done. The State Legislature passed the reduced quorum. We need a reduction in the quorum. If 100 people show up, they all vote.

Chairman Fabian said the Town Moderator has recommended a reduction of 25% for the Town's quorum for Annual and Special Town Meeting.

Upon a motion made by Selectman LaCamera and seconded by Chairman Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To reduce the quorum to 25% for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting on June 23, 2020.

Roll call vote: Chairman Fabian – aye; Selectman LaCamera – aye.

Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Selectman LaCamera and seconded by Chairman Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 3:25 PM.

Roll call vote: Chairman Fabian – aye and Selectman LaCamera – aye.