

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Ed Reilly, Greg Grinnell and Dick Fortin. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$161,755.98 for 21 items. The Payroll warrant and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 15, 2024. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included the Property Tax Warrant and Yield Tax Warrant for Jeffrey Hertel (R10-31, Lots 1, 3 and 4).

Matthew & Carissa Fusco submitted a Building Permit Application for a 10x8 shed and fence at 101 Thurston Pond Road (R04-011). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2024 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024030).

John Schmerfeld met with the Board regarding the position of Emergency Management Director. A copy of the last EOP will be provided to John Schmerfeld and he will meet with the Selectmen again on December 3rd to be officially appointed to the position.

The State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for the Q2 Highway Block Grant payment of \$13,074.34.

The Board reviewed an email requesting information on permissible use of property located on Willis Bean Road. The Board requested that a response reiterate that Willis Bean Road is a Class 6 Road and that there are restrictions for maintenance and use. It was also noted that the Zoning Ordinance be referenced in response to questions regarding possible uses of the property.

David Lovequist questioned whether the Selectmen received a notice of the Public Hearing regarding a gravel pit in Freedom. The Board will research the location to determine whether the property falls under the regional notice guidelines.

NH Municipal Association submitted information on the new requirement for noticing funds received by the State.

A & D Klumb Environmental advised of a proposed telecommunications Tower in Madison and requested any information as to whether the location will affect historic properties in Eaton.

Zach Branscom of NH E-911 submitted information regarding the construction of a cell tower for the Board's review.

Greg Grinnell submitted contact information for a landscape company and noted that he will reach out to them for cost estimates.

The Board reviewed a letter from Stephanie Mathurin & John Hedden regarding the shed on McCormack Lane.

Primex submitted renewal rates for Property & Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation.

NHDRA submitted a Community Action Report for their visit with Bethany Hicks on July 31, 2024.

Ed Reilly gave an update on the Lower MWV Solid Waste District and noted that the MOU from 1987 is being reviewed for possible updates.

Greg Grinnell noted that Burke Brothers owns a large construction company and questioned whether they should be contacted regarding the Town Garage.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke to John Hatch and Fire Chief Glenn Merrill regarding any possible confusion on Stewart Road and was assured that there has not been an issue with responders. The Board agreed that they will not support any change of names for Stewart Road as there are no issues with the emergency services responders.

Greg Grinnell questioned the status of cemetery maintenance. Dick Fortin suggested an annual budget item or Warrant Article to address several items.

Dick Fortin recommended sending a letter to the owners of Camp Waukeela regarding the construction of a shed.

Dick Fortin stated that in reviewing the South Conway Lake Association book, he noted an error in information regarding the canoe launch on Potter Road.

The Board discussed the condition of Youngs Road and noted that the Highway crew only graded the road and did not ditch this year. After all three Selectmen visited the road separately, the Board concluded that the road appears to be the necessary width. It was noted that during one visit, a Selectman met with the property owner who stated that what was done this year is to his satisfaction but doesn't want to see the road widened going forward.

Dick Fortin stated that he submitted a grant application to the Henney Fund for the digitizing of vital records.

The Board will request a meeting with Cliff Cabral in December to discuss the granite that was moved by his mowing crew.

The Board discussed the duties of Board Chair and explained to Greg Grinnell his role as Chair for the upcoming year.

The meeting was recessed at 1:27 pm. The meeting reconvened at 2:44 pm.

Paul Nuccio met with the Board and explained that the Conservation Plan is being developed and that he is looking into water quality for potential Ordinances to be presented to the Planning Board. Paul Nuccio explained that the State does not have wetland buffer requirements and that he will be researching the issues. Paul Nuccio stated that he is also focusing on the maintenance of the Foss Mountain trail and future prescribed burns. Paul Nuccio indicated that as the trail becomes busier, attention will be needed on the parking situation.

Paul Nuccio explained that NHDOT needs a letter from the Selectmen requesting that Eaton and Brownfield Roads be reviewed for a low-salt designation. Paul Nuccio will gather water test results from the Green Mountain Conservation Group for further review. The Board reminded Paul Nuccio that the Selectmen must review all letters from the Conservation Commission before they are sent out.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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