

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**November 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Ed Reilly, Greg Grinnell and Dick Fortin. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$8,889.04 for 21 items. The Payroll warrant and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of November 5, 2024. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included correspondence, Cemetery Deeds, and Certificate of Occupancy for Kenneth Cargill (R05-006).

Cynthia Hall & John Schmerfeld submitted a Building Permit Application to replace a bridge over a brook in the driveway at 2677 Eaton Road (R05-001). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as the property owners were granted a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024030).

Zach & Ginger Berger submitted a Building Permit Application for a generator at 434 Stewart Road (R09-010). 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 #2024032).

Tim & Charline Leonardi submitted a Building Permit Application for a 10x16 utility shed at 12 McCormack Lane (R09-011-B). 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 #2024033).

The FCC notified the Town of a proposed communications tower in Madison, NH. The Board reviewed the proposal by A&D Klumb Environmental. Greg Grinnell noted that if a Tower is placed in Madison, it may make the placement in South Eaton redundant.

Dennis Sullivan joined the Board to discuss the November election and the upcoming Town Meeting.

Dick Fortin stated that he has reviewed the Eversource bill for the street lights and noted that the cost of LED is much less than incandescent. The Board discussed meeting with Eversource once again to review requirements for changing out the fixtures. The Board

discussed the feasibility of a power cooperative and noted that the Town of Conway is negotiating with a firm.

The Board discussed the status of the sound system and noted that they will test the system prior to Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed information from David Pandora on required upgrades if offices are constructed on the main floor of Town Hall. The Board discussed multiple options for modifying Town Hall. Dick Fortin stated that he would like costs for all options to present to the voters before moving forward. Ed Reilly noted that the downstairs could be converted to office space, leaving the upstairs as a meeting room. Greg Grinnell stated that a wheelchair electronic door will cost approximately \$12,000. Dick Fortin stated that the issue is the door is heavy and difficult for elderly people to open. Greg Grinnell will research options for the door.

Dick Fortin stated that he and Paul Nuccio met with the State regarding controlled burns on Foss Mountain for training purposes. Dick Fortin explained that the proposed timing could disrupt the blueberry harvest. Dick Fortin stated that the Town's insurance company will be contacted as the Town will be liable if any situations arise.

Dick Fortin noted that the Town has been awarded funds from the Henney Trust to digitize the vital records. It was noted that the work will take place next year.

The Board reviewed the current budget and began work on next year's Capital Reserve funding.

***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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