

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832
EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
February 7, 2019

The Public Hearing on the budget took place on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Ed Reilly, David Sorensen and Dick Fortin. The Public Hearing was called to order at 7 pm.

Copies of the budget, proposed Warrant, proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, detailed payments and revenues were distributed.

David Sorensen reviewed the revenues for last year and proposed revenues for this year.

Ed Reilly reviewed last year's expenditures and this year's proposed budget. Ed Reilly explained that an abatement and two refunds accounted for most of the overage in the Financial Administration line item and noted that there may be a large abatement due to Northern NE Telephone this year. Paul Hennigan questioned whether fire and smoke systems at the Town Hall are slated to be addressed this year. Dick Fortin stated that the Selectmen have not yet formulated a plan for upgrades to Town Hall. Jonathan Simonds questioned how the Solid Waste cost is calculated. Ed Reilly stated that the valuation of Conway, Eaton and Albany is used to determine the cost for each Town. Paul Hennigan questioned the roof on the Town Garage and Ed Reilly noted that the project has been postponed for one year.

Dick Fortin reviewed the Warrant Articles. Road Agent Stubby Heath explained the proposed work included in Article 16. Dick Fortin explained that the Selectmen received a number of complaints regarding dogs at the Grove, which is why the dog restriction was put in place. An Article has been submitted for Town Meeting to remove the restriction. The Selectmen voted to abstain to let the voters make the decision. Dick Fortin noted that the Selectmen also received complaints regarding night activity at the Beach, which is why Article 29 is seeking to set a curfew that the Sheriff's Department can enforce.

The Board discussed the process for amending the language of a petitioned Warrant Article. It was noted that an opinion will be solicited from legal counsel.

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The Board discussed the culvert on Ridge Road and questioned whether it is a designated historic granite culvert.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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