

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**April 6, 2021**

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

As Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Ed Reilly found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #2021-05, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

There is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, Chairman Reilly confirmed public access to the meeting via Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting by clicking on the following website address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9569071146>.

Notice was given to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting. Instructions have also been provided on the Town website at [eatonnh.org](http://eatonnh.org). If anyone has a problem accessing the scheduled Selectman meeting, please call 603-447-2231. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Ed Reilly started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Ed Reilly (no one else in the room), Joyce Blue (no one else in the room) and Dick Fortin (no one else in the room). Ed Reilly noted that all votes taken during this meeting will be done by roll call vote.

Mark Watson joined the Board to review his submitted Building Permit application for an in-ground greenhouse. It was noted that the Board has signed off on the permit.

Thaire Bryant joined the Board to review the Articles and schedule for Town Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 3/28/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 4/5/2021, Building Permit #202101 (Watson), Building Permit #202102 (Border) and Yield Tax Warrant (Edge). Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes).***

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on March 16, 2021 as amended. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes).***

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on March 22, 2021 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes).***

The Board discussed property on Thurston Pond Road after receiving a report of standing water in the location of a proposed septic system. Ed Reilly questioned whether the issue should be sent to NHDES. Dick Fortin stated that the test pit data indicates there is no seasonal high water table in that area. The Board will draft a letter to NHDES.

Joyce Blue submitted a letter for review to be sent to Suzanne Raiche regarding Town Meeting.

Dick Fortin stated that he met with Road Agent Stubby Heath regarding the trees at the Potter Road bridge and reported that there are two red oaks that will need to be removed by a professional tree removal company. It was noted that Dick Fortin will meet with the contractor to review the issue before making a final decision on how to proceed.

Dick Fortin explained that the Highway crew has taken care of the boat launch and installation of new posts. The Board discussed the possibility of relocating the porta-potties. Joyce Blue noted that shrubs or decorative fencing could be used to hide the units. The Board will raise the question at Town Meeting and ask for input on moving the units to a location on Brownfield Road.

Dick Fortin explained that the Highway crew will be bringing hemlock to him to be milled in order to build new picnic tables for the beach.

Dick Fortin stated that the Forest Service has obtained a burn permit for Foss Mountain which is valid until April 14<sup>th</sup> in hopes that conditions will be favorable for a burn.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke with David Smolen at the Conway Library, who suggested that Eaton's procedures for library cards remain the same due to the previously proposed billing process changes.

The Board reviewed several property issues still outstanding and noted that a letter will be drafted to NHDES regarding a septic system.

The Board reviewed a draft Agreement and Release under RSA 674:41 to be adopted for use by Eaton residents when requesting a Building Permit for property on private and/or Class VI roads. It was noted that the form will be finalized for review and adoption by the Selectmen at their next meeting.

John Edge submitted a request that the Town Assessor contact him prior to any property visit during the revaluation this year.

The Board reviewed an email from Robert Glidden regarding a headstone at the Eaton Cemetery. The Board will further research the issue.

Marnie Cobbs submitted an update on how Conway will be handling beach parking this year.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed a list of abatements due to penalties which were assessed in error.

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes).*** The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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