

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832
EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 4, 2021

A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, May 4, 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 #2021-06, 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. 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.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on April 20, 2021 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on April 27, 2021 as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest (week end 4/25/2021), Manifest and Accounts Payable checks dated 5/3/2021, Building Permit #202105 (Hersey), Building Permit #202106 (Hedden), Building Permit #202107 (Hedden), Yield Tax Warrant (Hatch), Notice of Intent to Cut (Hatch), MS-232 Report of Appropriations Voted and Quote from Elan Signs for the purchase of two digital speed signs. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote (Ed Reilly-Yes, Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes).

Brian Hebert filed a Building Permit application for an addition to an existing building at 2031 Eaton Road (R02-005-C). The Building Permit application was reviewed and denied by the Board of Selectmen as the existing structure is non-conforming, thereby requiring Zoning Board approval. Brian Hebert joined the Board to review the permit application. Dick Fortin questioned the number of bedrooms and Brian Hebert noted that the house will remain at two bedrooms.

Ed Roberts joined the Board regarding his proposed septic system on Thurston Pond Road. Dick Fortin explained that the proposed location for the system was wet and puddled this spring and requested that the septic system designer verify any wetlands in the area to verify adherence to the required setbacks as set forth in Eaton's Zoning Ordinance. Dick Fortin also noted that the system must adhere to a 30-foot setback and that a larger sized plan is needed to verify that setback. Ed Roberts requested that the issues be emailed to him so that he can send them to his system designer.

Cara Zipoli met with the Board to request permission to place a memorial bench on Foss Mountain. Ed Reilly explained that the Town has been opposed to placement of any objects on Foss Mountain and so the request is denied. Dick Fortin suggested contacting Tin Mountain Conservation.

Elaine Weathers met with the Board to discuss hours and regulations for the Town Beach. Dick Fortin noted that the Selectmen have designated the attendant hours to be 11 am-5 pm. Elaine Weathers asked the Selectmen to write a letter to go out with beach passes reminding residents of the regulations and that passes will be required to access the beach. Joyce Blue stated that the reminder can also be placed in the Town column. It was also noted that one pass will permit only one vehicle to access the beach. Dick Fortin asked that Elaine Weathers meet with the Conway Lake monitors and that information will be provided to distribute to boat owners accessing Crystal Lake. It was noted that the attendants will work weekends from Memorial Day until mid-June, at which time they will cover the beach every day.

Ed Reilly gave an overview of the complaint received regarding a property on Willis Bean Road indicating that fill was being placed in a stream and that there is an RV parked on the property. Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with NHDES, who stated that according to RSA 482-A:3 no materials can be placed into waters as it is a Wetlands violation. Dick Fortin stated that he also spoke to NHDES Subsurface Department regarding those conditions that might require a septic system. Dick Fortin stated that unless there is water piped into the RV, no septic system is required. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to the property owners outlining the issues.

Joyce Blue stated that she received a call regarding the work being performed by NHDOT and explained that NHDOT is surveying in order to prepare a plan for the permanent reconstruction of the corner and four-way stop.

Joyce Blue explained that there was question as to why a permit was needed for the Little White Church a-frame sign and noted that it has been established that the sign was not grandfathered.

Dick Fortin stated that the Conservation Commission is updating the information at the Foss Mountain kiosk and asked if it would be acceptable to utilize the Town seal to identify the property as being owned by the Town. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize use of the seal.

Dick Fortin explained that when the parking areas are full, cars begin parking on Foss Mountain Road and questioned whether "No Parking" signs can be placed. It was the consensus of the Board that as long as the scenic road regulations are not violated, signs should be installed. Dick Fortin noted that he spoke with Center Conway Fire Chief Glenn Merrill, who indicated that Fish and Game would have to be contacted in the event of a medical emergency on Foss Mountain that required a patient be carried off the trail.

Dick Fortin stated that he received an email from Shane Gurney indicating that the email link on the website for the Selectmen does not work. It was noted that the link will be tested and updated if required.

Dick Fortin raised the issue of the proposed changes to Zoning to permit tiny houses and indicated that his concern is regarding the septic system if the house is altered to add additional bedrooms. Joyce Blue will bring this concern to the Planning Board.

Cindy Goslee requested that their cemetery plot be marked. The Selectmen will meet at the Snowville Cemetery at 10 am on Monday, May 10th, to mark the plot and to review plots in the new section.

The Board reviewed the request from Robert Glidden to review the Eaton Cemetery as it pertains to a missing lamb from a headstone. The Board reviewed the issue and spoke to the crew who maintains the cemetery and found no signs of vandalism.

The Board reviewed the status of Camp Waukeela's water system and requested that the caretaker be contacted to check on the status of inspections prior to the camp's reopening.

The State of NH advised on the Qtr 4 Highway Block Grant payment in the amount of \$8359.43.

NH Department of Revenue Administration submitted information on the 2020 Equalized Valuation.

Dick Fortin stated that he was asked whether wedding photos will be permitted from the Town Beach. It was the consensus of the Board that photos would be allowed as long as the number of people in the photo was reasonable to not disrupt beachgoers.

The Board reviewed a letter sent to Michael Callis last year regarding changes to his property. It was the consensus of the Board to send another letter reminding him of the requirements for a change of use.

The Board scheduled a work session for Friday, May 21st, at 10 am.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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