

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present at Town Hall were Joyce Blue and Dick Fortin. Chairman Ed Reilly joined the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$153,671.45 for 16 items.

Assistant NHDOT Commissioner William Cass, NHDOT Traffic Engineer William Lambert and NHDOT Sign Supervisor Robert Hyslop joined the Board to discuss the status of the four-way stop. Ed Reilly stated that concerns have been received regarding an apron at the corners. Bill Cass explained that the purpose of the apron is to add delineation to the corner and noted that NHDOT has been discussing the turn distance for larger trucks and whether the apron is necessary. Dick Fortin stated that he watched traffic come through the intersection and noted that the apron tended to push vehicles into the on-coming lane of traffic. Dick Fortin stated that the signage is working and that the apron is not necessary. Joyce Blue stated that she also observed traffic and felt that the apron is not needed to guide vehicles around the corner.

Ed Reilly stated that the voters at Town Meeting approved the purchase of two digital speed signs and requested that NHDOT assist with the locations for the signs. Bill Lambert noted that the signs are typically installed in conjunction with existing speed limit signs so installing them at the 30 mph signs on each end of the Village makes the most sense.

Dick Fortin explained that there are signs near the Little White Church that are obstructed by foliage and questioned whether they could be moved. Bill Lambert explained that the Highway crews try to stay ahead of the growth and questioned whether the trees are on private property or within the State's ROW. It was noted that Bob Hyslop will look at the signs when he meets with the Selectmen.

Dick Fortin questioned the placement of new signs showing the direction to Conway. Bill Lambert stated that signs direct motorists to follow Routes and not Towns. Bill Cass explained that items required to make the four-way stop permanent will be compiled and forwarded to the Selectmen. Ed Reilly thanked the NHDOT staff for their time and efforts on resolving the issues at the four corners.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting on May 18, 2021 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 21, 2021 as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Ed Reilly requested that a special work session be scheduled to work on the Procurement Policy with Road Agent Stubby Heath. The Board scheduled a meeting for June 10th at 9 am.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke to the NHDES Wetlands Office regarding the Burke property on Willis Bean Road and explained that there is a violation of the Wetlands Regulations if materials are added to the stream. It was noted that the Board will draft a letter outlining the Regulations and related issues.

Joyce Blue stated that she received a complaint regarding the traffic on Youngs Road. The Board will monitor the situation for further discussion.

Chris Kennedy and Olivia Hodgdon met with the Board regarding the annual Scouts event at the Town Beach. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to approve the Scouts' end of year service project at the Town Beach. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.***

Joyce Blue noted that stones were repaired at the John Brooks cemetery on Foss Mountain by Jess Davis in honor of John Brooks for Memorial Day.

Dick Fortin stated that he would like to meet with the Cemetery Trustees to have them begin working on sorting through deeds and establishing locations of plots. Dick Fortin explained that he walked the old Snowville Cemetery with Rick Young to obtain historic information on some of the plots. The Board set a meeting for Thursday, June 3rd, at 4 pm to mark out the Goslee plot at the Snowville Cemetery. It was noted that the Board will send a memo to the Trustees requesting a meeting.

Dick Fortin questioned the status of the two properties on Hatch Pond in violation of the Shoreland setback. It was noted that correspondence will be sent to the property owners.

Signature items included Agreement and Release for Russell & Brenda Canavari (R01-036-A), Fixed Price Agreement with Rymes Propane & Oil, correspondence to NHDOT for reimbursement of the Potter Road bridge expenses and Notice of Intent to Cut for Jeffrey Hertel (R10-003).

Zach & Graciela Page filed a Building Permit application for a wind turbine at 15 Elbow Hill Road (R13-010). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202111).

The Board reviewed an email from Sarah Van Boven requesting permission to hold a gathering at the beach on June 18th. Joyce Blue stated that she would support the request. Dick Fortin noted that the Board has denied these requests in the past as there were some issues with prior gatherings. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed***

Reilly, to deny the request for a gathering at the Town Beach. Motion carried by roll call vote, with Joyce Blue voting against the motion.

The Board reviewed an email from "Jack" requesting information on Class VI roads. It was noted that an information packet put together by NHMA will be forwarded as a response to this request.

The Board reviewed an email from Victoria Murphy regarding dust control of Stewart Road. The Board will make sure that the Highway crew treats the road at the Murphy residence.

NH Department of Revenue submitted information on the 2020 equalized value.

The Board reviewed information on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and will continue to monitor information and instructions on how to utilize the funds. The Board requested that John Border be contacted to determine if there is an estimated cost for installing broadband service in Eaton.

The Board discussed the annual Fourth of July picnic. **Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to hold the July 4th picnic at the beach this year. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.**

The Board discussed the covid-19 protocols at Town Hall. It was noted that Town Hall will reopen and meetings held in person. Joyce Blue suggested that the protocols be loosened gradually and that masks be requested through the end of June. It was noted that a notice will be sent out via *Eaton Ears* with an update on Town Hall protocols.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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