

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Ed Reilly, Joyce Blue and Dick Fortin. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable manifest and checks for \$27,355.69 for 23 items. The Payroll manifest and paychecks were also reviewed and signed.

Ed Reilly opened the Public Hearing and explained that the Town has received \$20,937.92 as the first of two payments under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Thaire Bryant questioned the stipulations of use attached to the funds and questioned whether they could be used to fund the petitioned Warrant Articles or updates to Town Hall as the Emergency Operations Center for the Town. Ed Reilly noted that the NH Municipal Association has outlined the five permissible uses and upgrades to Town buildings are not permissible. Dick Fortin questioned whether culvert replacement under stormwater infrastructure could be a permitted use. Thaire Bryant noted that upgrades to Town Hall for safety might be a permitted use of the funds. The Board noted that a project has not been designated and so the funds will be placed into the Reserved Fund Balance at this time. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to accept the \$20,937.92 from ARPA and to place the funds in the Reserved Fund Balance until a project has been designated. Motion unanimously carried.***

Thaire Bryant met with the Board to discuss short-term rentals and noted that the Planning Board is beginning to review information to propose a Zoning Ordinance amendment in March. The Board scheduled a work session for Tuesday, August 31st, at 9 am to review possible Zoning Ordinance amendments with Thaire Bryant and Dennis Sullivan.

Eric Hudson met with the Board to request a permit to hold a wedding on Foss Mountain on August 28th for 20-25 people. Eric Hudson stated that it seems foolish to require an insurance certificate for a 45-minute service. Joyce Blue noted that it does not take long for damage to occur and that there are regulations regarding the use of municipal property. Dick Fortin stated that he is not in favor of granting approval to a group of more than 15 people. Joyce Blue stated that the permit fee and certificate of insurance would be required prior to the Board acting on a permit application.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of August 3, 2021. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

Peter Klose met with the Board to give an update on the digital speed signs. It was noted that the status of delivery on the new speed sign will be checked.

Ed Reilly questioned whether the Town's website can be updated to provide information on the fire danger status. Dick Fortin noted that he will forward information to update the website and that he will provide brochures for distribution at Town Hall.

Ed Reilly stated that he would like to once again write a letter to FEMA about the errors in the floodplain maps and outline the impact to affected residents due to incorrect floodplain designations.

Ed Reilly stated that he spoke with Tamre McCrea at the NH Retirement Office and noted that she will be sending information to the Town.

The Board discussed William Heath's rate of pay and benefits. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to increase William's pay rate by \$2 and to explore a possible retirement program for next year. Motion unanimously carried.***

Joyce Blue gave an update on the Planning Board and noted that Jeff Hertel met with the Board for a preliminary discussion of a subdivision to his Brownfield Road property. Joyce Blue noted that the Planning Board discussed educating the residents on groundwater protection rather than adopting an ordinance at this time.

Dick Fortin explained that someone observed an increase of vehicles drive into The Grove and noted that he will ask the Highway crew to place larger rocks to prohibit vehicles from entering the property.

Dick Fortin stated that a Camp Cody passenger van got stuck on Foss Mountain Road, blocking traffic. Dick Fortin suggested writing letters to the area camps outlining the Town Land Use Permit requirements as was done in the past.

Dick Fortin stated that he has observed a large brush pile which contains construction materials and questioned whether the Fire Warden should be notified. It was the consensus of the Board that Larry Nash should be notified.

Dick Fortin explained that he has received concerns regarding a property on Conway Lake and the possible erosion of a roadway. It was noted that the Board will continue to monitor the property.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke to NHDES regarding a dock and was informed that DES will allow a dock through a "Permit by Notification" only if the dock is a certain size and runs perpendicular to the shoreline. Dick Fortin noted that he sent them pictures and was sent a complaint form to be completed and returned to NHDES.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and noted that USVLT is purchasing a parcel of land and obtaining a conservation easement on a second parcel.

Dick Fortin stated that there is a dead oak tree at The Grove that should be removed as it is a hazard.

Dick Fortin stated that he has reached out to three tree service vendors and received two quotes for the removal of the trees at the Snowville Cemetery: \$6000 from Barry's Tree Service and \$4600 from Eldridge Logging. Dick Fortin noted that the Board will need to meet with Jim Higgins to discuss the cost shares for the project. It was noted that Jim Higgins will be requested to meet with the Board on September 7th. **Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to award the project to Eldridge Logging. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Board reviewed a request to appoint Stanley Dudrick as an alternate to the Zoning Board. **Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to appoint Stanley Dudrick to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. Motion unanimously carried.**

Signature items included correspondence to multiple property owners.

Frederick & Nancy Ghiloni filed a Building Permit application for a 12x12 shed at 41 Thurston Pond Road (R04-011-Q). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202123).

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for payment of ARPA funds in the amount of \$20,937.92.

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for Bridge Construction funds in the amount of \$166,421.40.

Carroll County Sheriff's Office submitted patrol activity reports for July 2021.

Jessica Davis submitted a report for the repair of Eaton gravestones.

HealthTrust advised the Town that they will receive a Return of Surplus and will be notified in mid-October of the amount.

Action Ambulance Service submitted activity reports for May 2021.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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