

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Ed Reilly, Joyce Blue and Dick Fortin. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

At 3:00 pm the Board of Selectmen met with Josif Bicja and Kathryn Dziadowicz of Hoyle Tanner Associates and Rob Hester of ME Latulippe Construction at the Potter Road bridge job site.

The Board reconvened the Meeting at the Town Hall at 3:30 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable manifest and checks for \$54,085.29 for 19 items.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of September 21 and 28, 2021. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Ed Reilly stated that the Board needs to consider whether or not it will support the Sheriff's Department Warrant Article for next year and that the Board should meet with Sheriff Richardi in a few weeks. Dick Fortin suggested meeting with John Border to review the statistics from the digital speed signs prior to meeting with Sheriff Richardi.

Ed Reilly reported that he spoke with a resident who passed on their experiences during a recent ambulance call.

Thaire Bryant met with the Board to discuss several issues and explained that he intends to write to NH's Senators and Representatives regarding the "For The People Act" as it will not be possible to adhere to the requirements in Eaton as it relates to the use of volunteer election officials. The Board will review the information provided by NHMA on the proposed legislation.

Thaire Bryant submitted an email from Nella Thompson regarding Chris Kennedy's residency and explained that the Kennedy's are still officially residents of Eaton under NH Statute.

Thaire Bryant requested that the Selectmen give him approval to research the possibility of holding Town Meeting at King Pine again this year. It was the consensus of the Board to have Thaire Bryant get information on costs and the feasibility of holding Town Meeting at King Pine. Thaire Bryant noted that he has spoken to Stephanie Mathurin about running for Moderator. Dick Fortin expressed his regret over Thaire retiring as Town Moderator.

Thaire Bryant explained that during the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, the issue of E-911 signs was addressed and suggested that the Town purchase the signs for all residents. Thaire Bryant noted that he will work on information to create an emergency information page for the Town's website. Thaire Bryant stated that he will work on the grant paperwork for the update to the Town's Emergency Operations Plan next year.

Thaire Bryant submitted preliminary information to be reviewed by the Planning Board to regulate short-term rentals and requested that the Board review and submit any comments or concerns to him. Thaire Bryant noted that the Selectmen need to send letters to the three existing rental properties as they are in violation of Eaton's Zoning Ordinances as it relates to rentals.

Thaire Bryant noted that it is difficult to get residents to run for office and suggested that the Board look into the feasibility of changing the government structure to a Town Manager form of governance to reduce the required time commitment by the Selectmen.

Road Agent Richard Heath met with the Board regarding Highway Department operations and explained that he spoke with Willie Sheppard of NHDOT regarding the beavers and flooding on Route 153. Dick Fortin stated that at the bridge meeting, Josif Bicja recommended sealing the bridge concrete every five years. Dick Fortin will gather information for further discussion.

Ed Reilly submitted a draft letter to Town Counsel regarding the Cemetery Trust Fund and Dick Fortin submitted a draft Warrant Article that would create another Cemetery Trust Fund so that the Town could have access to funds for the Care of Eaton's cemeteries.

Ed Reilly submitted information on the NHRS unfunded liability for the Board's review. It was noted that the Board will meet with a company that handles retirement benefits to compare to the NH Retirement System.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Dennis Sullivan regarding the culvert on Michael Callis' property and questioned whether the Selectmen should speak with the Wetland Scientist hired by Mr. Callis to discuss whether or not any permits will be required prior to installation of the culvert. It was the consensus of the Board that Dick Fortin should contact Greg Howard regarding his wetland report for Michael Callis.

Dick Fortin stated that the speed sign at the Hartman property may be destroyed during plowing and noted that John Border and Peter Klose should be contacted regarding the plan to protect the sign. The Board requested that John Border and Peter Klose meet with them at their next meeting and that they submit data collected by the signs for the Board's review.

Dick Fortin gave an overview of the ambulance meeting held on Monday, September 27th and explained that call numbers for April 1 through March 31 will be reviewed annually to calculate the contract payments for each Town.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the tree removal project at the Snowville Cemetery.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Natalie at NHDRA regarding tents on Current Use property and stated that it is a gray area. The Board will continue to research this issue.

Dick Fortin stated that issuing permits for use of Town Land may create liability for the Town and noted that the Town's insurance company should be consulted.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Wildlife Cohort Program, which would develop a conservation plan for Town lands; and once public input has been obtained perhaps larger landowners would like to participate in the process.

Signature items included a letter to Adam Nelson.

Sheri & Kevin Dubois submitted a Building Permit application for a generator and transfer switch at 25 Thurston Pond Road (R04-011-B). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202135).

Tara & Stephen Burke submitted a Building Permit application for a garden shed on Willis Bean Road (R07-018). The Building Permit application was reviewed and tabled by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will conduct a site visit on Friday, October 8th at 10 am.

Mark Watson questioned the status of the Selectmen's investigation into the outhouse on his abutter's property. Ed Reilly noted that the Board has received photographs of the on-going project from the Town Assessor and will be reviewing them soon.

NH Department of Transportation advised the Board of a culvert replacement on Eaton Road and requested input from the Selectmen regarding any concerns or preferred mitigation measures.

The Board reviewed an email from Brad & Alyssa Duncan regarding property on Thurston Pond Road. The Board stated that the existing shed with electric power may remain on the property but that the shed cannot be occupied as a dwelling until such time as all Town regulations/codes are met and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

The Governor's Office advised the Town that the deadline for submitted reports to the Department of Treasury regarding the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds has been postponed until April 30, 2022.

Starting Point submitted budget and usage information and indicated that they will be requesting \$2,655 from Eaton next year.

NH Office of Planning & Development submitted information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Carroll County Sheriff's Department submitted Deputy activity reports for September.

NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs submitted information on their new broadband program office and requested that the Town complete a survey.

Carroll County Broadband Committee submitted information for the Board's review.

NH Department of Environmental Services submitted a Shoreland Permit Application Packet for the Board's review.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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