

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, November 2, 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.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable manifest and checks for \$231,265.41 for 15 items.

George Fredette of First Allied met with the Board to discuss possible retirement programs for the Town. George Fredette reviewed traditional and Roth IRA programs and the tax implications of both types of funds. The Board will put together pros and cons of the State Retirement System and IRA programs for further discussion.

Town Clerk Heather McKendry met with the Board to discuss unlicensed dogs in Town. It was the consensus of the Board to send letters to the dog owners reminding them to license the dog and explain that there are fees associated with non-licensed pets. Ed Reilly questioned whether the Town must pursue this issue and Heather McKendry stated that there are Towns that do not pursue the matter.

Sheriff Richardi met with the Board to review data collected from the digital speed signs and this year's activity in Town by the Deputies. Ed Reilly noted that the Deputies are issuing more written warnings this year and noted that he would like to see more tickets issued. Joyce Blue questioned the new system for issuing tickets. Sheriff Richardi stated that there is no cell service in Eaton, which hinders the ability to digitally issue tickets. Sheriff Richardi noted that \$11,800 should be budgeted for 2022 if the Town wants the same coverage from May 6th through November 11th, 2022.

David Lovequist met with the Board to discuss an abutting property and questioned whether the RV must be moved as it is not registered or inspected. David Lovequist noted that the property owners are burning materials and leaving the site during the burn. David Lovequist also requested that the Selectmen review the issue of gray water and septic waste on his neighbor's property. David Lovequist explained that he has hired a surveyor to pursue the issue of placing materials in the stream. Dick Fortin noted that NHDES has a complaint form that can be filed regarding the materials in the stream.

Ele Border met with the Board and requested that a link to the MWV Age-Friendly Community Resource Guide be placed on the Town's website. Ele Border also requested the ability to utilize Town Hall for counseling appointments. The Board approved the use of Town Hall. The Board approved the use of Town Hall and use of the website to link to the MWV Age Friendly Resource Guide.

Ele Border stated that the Town has not adopted an elderly tax credit and explained the State guidelines for the three age brackets. Ed Reilly noted that a Warrant Article would have to be drafted for Town Meeting. Ele Border will put together information for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 19, 2021. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Ed Reilly stated that he drove Hatch Hill Road after receiving an email from Shane Gurney. The Board reviewed the email submitted to the Town regarding the condition of Hatch Hill Road. The Board will send an email explaining that because it is late in the season, the Road Agent will grade the road in the spring.

The Board reviewed and revised the draft letter to Town Counsel regarding the Cemetery Trust Funds. Ed Reilly will update the letter for further review.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Potter Road bridge project and raised the question of the agreed-upon completion date. It was noted that an email would be sent Josif Bicja for clarification on how to proceed regarding the change of completion date.

Dick Fortin stated that he will be meeting with Road Agent Stubby Heath regarding the digital speed sign at the Hartman property and questioned whether the sign should be relocated to an area around the Little White Church. After further discussion, the Board decided to retain its current location and just remove the sign for the winter.

Dick Fortin explained that he has contacted Shake to Shingles for assistance with possibly insulating the Town garage under the NH Saves program. Dick Fortin stated that Shake to Shingles would perform a test of the facility and then present a solution for the Board's review.

Signature items included correspondence to Michael Kent, Emily Bridgham & Randall Carroll, Steven & Elizabeth Farrell, Iiro & Pirjo Lehtinen and Tristan & Lisa Wilkins.

The Board reviewed the notice for the Public Hearing on November 16, 2021 regarding acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for the FY22 Quarter 2 Highway Block Grant payment of \$12,488.54.

The Board reviewed NHMA wage data for Selectmen stipends in Towns with a population of up to 999 residents.

Senator Jeb Bradley submitted information on available Cares Act funds.

Green Mountain Conservation Group submitted information on a Source Water Protection workshop to be held on November 17, 2021.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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