

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, October 19, 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 \$8,141.37 for 11 items.

John Border and Peter Klose joined the Board to review data from the digital speed signs and to discuss moving the northern sign so that it will not be damaged by snow removal this winter. Peter Klose stated that the proposal is to raise the sign two feet this year and to purchase a more durable post for next year. Data was reviewed for the north and south signs and the Board noted that they will be sharing this data with Sheriff Richardi at their next meeting. Peter Klose questioned whether additional speed signs can be installed on Brownfield Road as the only sign currently is at the State line.

John Border reviewed the Federal reverse auction for broadband and noted that Consolidated Communications was awarded the project to bring service to the Town within the next 5 years. John Border gave an update on the Carroll County Broadband Committee and noted that Starlink is available to approximately half of Eaton residents. The Board reviewed a letter from the Carroll County Broadband Committee and noted that a second Eaton representative needs to be appointed.

William & Tracie Kittredge submitted a Building Permit application for an 18x30 garage at 114 Thompson Hill Road (R11-042). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202137).

William & Tracie Kittredge submitted a Building Permit application for a 38x26 accessory dwelling unit at 114 Thompson Hill Road (R11-042). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202138).

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of October 5, 2021. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 8, 2021. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Individuals on the Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Robert Barker & Timothy Ostendorf.

The Board reviewed a draft letter and supporting Town Meeting information from 1986 and 1987 regarding the Cemetery Trust Funds. The letter will be amended and presented to the Board for final approval before sending to Town Counsel.

Joyce Blue explained that while the Board is considering Thaire Bryant's suggestion of a Town Manager form of government, consideration should be given to the Selectmen's rate of pay. Ed Reilly noted that if the Town moved forward with that change, the Town Manager would be part of a retirement system if the Board went forward with a request to initiate retirement benefits for an Eaton Town employee. Joyce Blue indicated that the Town Administrator is also eligible to be part of the retirement system.

Joyce Blue gave an update on the Planning Board Public Hearings and noted that both the Hertel subdivision and Watson steep slope applications have been continued to the November 10th meeting. Joyce Blue noted that the Planning Board will be holding a work session on November 3rd at 3 pm to work on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Wetland Scientist Greg Howard to determine whether a Dredge & Fill Permit will be required before Michael Callis begins work on his property. Greg Howard stated that a permit is not required to install the culverts as it will mitigate the current situation which, if not addressed, may create wetlands.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke with Linda Kennedy at NHDRA regarding current use, who explained that if a site is improved to accept a tent then the property would have to come out of Current Use and LUCT assessed.

Dick Fortin explained that he received a phone call from Penny Deans regarding the Shoreland Permit for the Lucey property. The Board reviewed a letter from NHDES requesting additional information for the Permit application.

Dick Fortin stated that he contacted Dick Mayo regarding his property at the Potter Road bridge and noted that Mr. Mayo met with Rob Hester at the job site.

Dick Fortin noted that the Board should write letters to the Inns and Camp to request authorization to name them in the Hazard Mitigation Plan as alternative shelters in the event of an emergency. Dick Fortin stated that the Board should request that Road Agent Heath begin documenting culvert locations, materials used and the dates when culverts were replaced for future reference.

Thomas & Bethany Hicks submitted a Building Permit application for a 10x12 shed at 95 Brownfield Road (R03-033). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202136).

Primex submitted renewal information and costs for the Property & Liability Insurance, Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Compensation programs.

HealthTrust submitted information on the FY2021 Return of Surplus in the amount of \$3,696.96 for the health insurance.

HealthTrust submitted information on the 2022 renewal costs for insurance.

Tri-County CAP submitted usage statistics for all programs offered. The Board requested that statistics for Eaton be submitted before Town Meeting.

NHGFOA submitted information on the acceptance of the ARPA funds and suggested that Towns hold a second Public Hearing to accept the total amount rather than just the first payment received in 2021. The Board scheduled the Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 16th, at 4 pm.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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