

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 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 met via Zoom with Tamar Roberts of Roberts & Greene to review the 2020 Audit. Ed Reilly questioned the requirements if the Town were to bond for a road project and Tamar Roberts noted that most banks require annual audits when borrowing funds. The Board discussed reporting of Capital Assets. Tamar Roberts explained that the Board should first adopt a policy for Capital Asset reporting which sets forth a cost threshold and then begin compiling a list of Town Assets with purchase price.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$116,303.36 for 14 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to ratify the Accounts Payable warrant and checks signed out of session on December 20, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of December 21, 2021. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board discussed the status of the letters sent to owners of short-term rental properties and noted that one property owner has submitted applications to the Zoning and Planning Boards. The Board will send a reminder to the remaining two property owners.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Town garage and noted that an estimate will be forthcoming for insulation and a rubber membrane roof. Dick Fortin stated that Shawn Bergeron should be contacted to inspect the garage to assess the snow load capacity before moving forward.

Dick Fortin noted that an air filtering system for Town Hall was suggested by EMD Thaire Bryant. Dick Fortin also suggested that the Board once again consider purchasing a sound-proof curtain to separate the working spaces of the Town Clerk and the Select Board.

The Board reviewed Liquor License application from The Laura Foundation for the Youth Pond Hockey Festival on Purity Lake. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick***

Fortin, to approve the application and to authorize Ed Reilly to sign on behalf of the Town. Motion unanimously carried.

Anders & Annette Engen/Adam Nelson submitted a Building Permit Application for a kitchen and bathroom remodel at 45 Bean Road (R10-009-A). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202141).

Tamworth Selectman Becky Mason met with the Board to discuss the feasibility of a Regional Health Officer. The Board will further discuss the proposal and report back to Selectman Mason.

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for the 2021 Meals & Room Tax in the amount of \$30,678.60.

Iiro Lehtinen submitted information on his dock located on Hatch Pond (R04-007). The Board will review the information and the State Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act and discuss the issue further at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed an email regarding property on Ridge Road. The Board will send a letter to the property owner with an Application for Abatement.

The Board reviewed a letter from Robert Barker & Timothy Ostendorf.

NHDES Wetlands Bureau notified the Town of a Reported Alleged Violation.

The Board reviewed information from Town Counsel regarding the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Board reviewed information from EMD Thaire Bryant regarding a large screen for the Town Hall. The Board will research grant opportunities with the State.

Peter Klose met with the Board regarding the use of road salt and requested that the Town consider using brine to limit the impact on natural resources and groundwater. Dick Fortin noted that NHDOT uses road salt next to all of Eaton's lakes. Ed Reilly questioned whether the Town could request that the State use brine around the lakes on Route 153.

Peter Klose explained that the digital traffic sign can be relocated near the Hartman property if two trees are removed. Peter Klose requested that the Town investigate whether additional speed limit signs can be placed on the Brownfield Road by NHDOT. The Board also discussed a blind driveway sign at the last property on Brownfield Road before entering Maine.

The Board reviewed information pertaining to adoption of an elderly exemption. The Board scheduled a work session for 1 pm on Thursday, January 6th, to further review the exemption limits and begin formulating the 2022 operating budget.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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