

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**April 5, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$187,402.88 for 22 items. The Payroll manifest was also reviewed and signed.

Sheriff Richardi met with the Board to review the Deputy patrols for this year. Joyce Blue indicated that the Board would like to see more tickets rather than warnings. Sheriff Richardi noted that he has spoken to the Deputies. The Board reviewed the shifts and Ed Reilly questioned whether more morning shifts could be provided. Sheriff Richardi stated that Mark McConkey has requested to meet regarding the four corners and indicated that he will report back to the Board.

Dennis Sullivan met with the Board to review a draft letter to the Effingham Planning Board regarding a proposed gas station. Dick Fortin questioned whether State Statutes should be referenced. Dennis Sullivan noted that since the Town is noticed for regional impact, only concerns were put forth and that the direct abutters should be citing Statutes. Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to send the letter to the Effingham Planning Board, Eaton Planning Board and Conservation members and Ossipee Lake Association.

Vince Vaccaro of Tri-Trek Events met with the Board regarding an Application for Parade Permit for a triathlon to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board reviewed and approved the application. Joyce Blue signed on behalf of the Board.

Treasurer Sue Jones met with the Board to discuss the upcoming temporary closure of the TD Bank branch utilized by the Town. After review of options including a courier service and digital check readers, the Board opted to monitor the construction progress and assess any issues with Town Clerk Heather McKendry.

Road Agent Richard Heath met with the Board to discuss Highway Department operations and the status of new hire Dan Jones. The Board requested that the request of the shortened probationary period be tabled so that the Board can further discuss the issue. Road Agent Heath noted that Rob Hester should be in Town next week to finish the punch list for the Potter Road bridge and that he is looking for guard rails to repair the other bridge.

Dick Fortin noted that a grill is missing at the Grove and it was noted that the Highway crew will place granite to keep vehicles from driving into the Grove area.

Road Agent Heath reported that he met with Michael Smith of NHDOT who estimated that it would cost \$1 to \$1.5 million to rebuild a mile of road. Road Agent Heath noted that he will obtain cost estimates to lay gravel and then repave the roads.

The Board discussed a 40x40 addition to the rear of the current garage and requested price quotes for concrete walls. Ed Reilly also suggested pricing a larger steel building to replace the current garage.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 15, 2022. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 21, 2022. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin noted that the Board tentatively scheduled a property visit in May and questioned whether it should be postponed until June so that the Health Officer can be present.

Dick Fortin explained that Larry Nash has expressed that he wants to retire as Fire Warden. Dick Fortin stated that William Heath has expressed an interest in the position and noted that he was fire training. Dick Fortin will continue working on this matter.

Dick Fortin noted that the sleigh located at the entrance of the Snowville Cemetery is in disarray. It was the consensus of the Board to remove the sleigh.

Dick Fortin explained that Dennis Sullivan has expressed an interest in holding a Joint Board meeting in May and would like to present information on the Conservation Cohorts. The Board scheduled the Joint Board meeting for Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Ed Reilly offered to work on a draft policy for Town Land Use Permits to include information and concerns expressed by Primex. Dick Fortin stated that he reviewed old Conservation Commission annual reports and noted that the permit was developed for commercial and business entities rather than private groups. Dick Fortin indicated that the Conservation Commission still wants all groups limited to 15 people.

Ed Reilly stated that there is an article in the Bangor Daily News regarding subdivisions in Maine and indicated that the Board should read the article.

Ed Reilly explained that he has been gathering information on the NH Retirement System and will be putting together a packet for review in early June.

Signature items included the 2022 Assessing Services Agreement and Emergency Services Contracts with Freedom and Center Conway Fire Departments.

Marla Browning submitted a Building Permit Application to renew Permit #202014 for a single-family residence at 368 Stewart Road (R09-013-A). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202201).

The Board reviewed tax deed information and signed a Deed Waiver for property on Eaton Road.

The Board reviewed and approved an application for Disabled Tax Deferral.

The State of Maine submitted a Public Notice regarding the Brownfield Comprehensive Plan and requested public comment be submitted by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Green Mountain Conservation Group submitted information on their upcoming events.

Vegetation Control Service Inc. submitted information on the upcoming vegetation treatment.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Heather McKendry submitted a draft policy for Returned Checks. The Board will review and discuss this policy at their next meeting.

NH Municipal Association submitted Legislative Bulletins #13-15.

The Board discussed the Town Beach and requested that Elaine Weathers meet with the Board in early May. The consensus of the Board was to return to the pre-covid pass policy and the issuance of passes from Town Hall.

The Board discussed and approved the hiring Heather McKendry to assist with filing of Planning and Zoning Board records.

The Board will review information on the Hatch Pond properties and pursue the scheduling of site visits and Zoning Board applications.

***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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