

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**September 6, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$26,411.71 for 21 items.

Moderator Stephanie Mathurin, Deputy Town Clerk Dale Schofield and Thaire Bryant met with the Board to discuss the September 13<sup>th</sup> elections.

Dustin Bachelder met with the Board regarding bear hunting on Town property. The Board reviewed and signed the Permit to Bait Wildlife application to be sent to NH Fish & Game.

At 4:04 pm Joyce Blue called to order a Public Hearing regarding the acceptance of unanticipated revenue from the State of NH. Joyce Blue explained that the town Has received \$36,222.20 as a Highway Block Grant to be used in addition to the operating budget of the Highway Department. Joyce Blue opened the Hearing for public comment. Road Agent Richard Heath indicated that he would use the funds for additional gravel and road maintenance. There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 4:09 pm. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to accept the funds to be used for road maintenance. Motion unanimously carried.***

Ed Reilly questioned the status of the culvert at the Kelly property on Ridge Road. Dick Fortin explained that a laser was utilized and that there appears to be an obstruction in the culvert. Road Agent Heath stated that the culvert will be assessed during highwater flow and that the sink hole in the yard will be fixed as it is a Town culvert.

David Lovequist met with the Board regarding the Moses Schoolhouse lot on Willis Bean Road and noted that he will be repairing the existing structure. The Board advised that a Building Permit for repairs will be needed to proceed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of August 16, 2022. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed a list of residents to serve as alternates on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to appoint the following residents as Zoning Board alternates: Greg Grinnell (3 year term), Dick Dole (3 year term), Mark Griffin (2 year term) and Joel Wasserman (2 year term). Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board confirmed that they will be meeting with Building Inspector/Health Officer David Pandora on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm to conduct a property inspection.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Fire Chiefs Glenn Merrill and Rob Cunio and was advised that the Fire Department sends someone to a property regardless of the alarm status. The Board will send a copy of Eaton's Private Alarm Ordinance to each of the Fire Departments.

Dick Fortin stated that Heather McKendry requested that the Board consider donating one of the Town's old computer monitors to Tin Mountain. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to donate one monitor to Tin Mountain. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin explained that the entrance sign at the beach needs to be rebuilt and that the wording should be revised and larger. It was noted that Dick Fortin will work on the sign.

Dick Fortin explained that he has viewed the three welcome signs and noted that the one located on Brownfield Road is beginning to peel. The Board will review the sign again in the spring for possible replacement and relocation to a shadier location.

Dick Fortin gave an overview of the condition of the Town garage and noted that the wall surrounding the garage doors needs to be straightened and that there are holes that should be fixed and insulated. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to authorize Dick Fortin to work on the Town Garage with possible funding to come from the Building Capital Reserve fund. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed a Grant Application by the Conservation Commission to the Wilson Conservation Trust for \$5,000 to maintain Foss Mountain in memory of Nancy Burns.

The Board reviewed and revised a notice to be sent to Zach Page and Mark & Nancy Watson regarding winter access to their properties. The Board requested that the notice be emailed as revised.

Dick Fortin explained that he and Marnie Cobbs met with the Auditor to review donations and procedures and that information on the Town Forest has been sent to Town Counsel to review.

Dick Fortin explained that he has gathered information on the existing fire pond for Alice Williams and noted that the old fire pond on Stewart Road was abandoned because of costly upgrades and the local Fire Departments preferred the Heath property for the pond.

Ed Reilly submitted a summary report on the Sheriff's Department activity for the year to date. The Board discussed the activity related to a bicycle event in June and noted that they will send the event sponsors a letter.

***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll warrant dated August 29<sup>th</sup> and MS-535 Financial Report. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included a permit and Management Representation letter to Roberts & Greene.

The Board reviewed an engagement letter from Roberts & Greene for three years of audit services. The Board requested that a new letter be requested for one year of service.

Kirk Roberts submitted a Building Permit Application to demolish three sheds and interior remodel of the mobile home at 2878 Eaton Road (R05-035). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202218).

Corey Lebeuf submitted a Building Permit for a 24x36 single-family residence over a two-car garage at 3 Old Portland Road (R11-033). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202219).

Daniel Brooks submitted a Building Permit Application for a 12x20 canvas car port at 2915 Eaton Road (R05-026). The Building Permit application was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202220).

The Board reviewed a request to hold a Regional Ambulance Meeting on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Freedom Town Hall to review call numbers and set the next year's ambulance rates for each Town.

NHDES submitted clarification on the disposal of grey water for review by all Health Officers.

Action Ambulance Service submitted activity reports through July 31, 2022.

Starting Point submitted information on services provided to Eaton residents and a request for funding of \$3,772 in 2023.

The State of NH submitted information on the new Paid Family & Medical Leave plan effective January 1, 2023.

Granite State Analytical Services submitted water test results for the August testing of Crystal Lake.

The Town of Wolfeboro submitted a Regional Impact Notice for a wireless communications tower Public Hearing by the Wolfeboro Planning and Zoning Boards.

Town Counsel submitted information on the 2022 Legislative update for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed the 2022 MS-434 Revised Estimated Revenues report.

***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lianne Boelzner*  
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