

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

At 3:30 pm, Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Motion carried by roll call vote (Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes).

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the non-public session and return to public session. Motion unanimously carried. The Board reconvened public session at 3:43 pm.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to seal the Minutes because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person. Motion carried by roll call vote (Joyce Blue-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes).

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$19,538.58 for 20 items.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 4, 2022. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to ratify the following items signed out of session: Payroll Manifest and checks (week end 10/9/2022), Building Permit #202225 For Steven Farrell and MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation. Motion unanimously carried.

Heidi and Don Field joined the Board to discuss the South Eaton Meetinghouse ownership. Heidi Field explained that John Border did extensive work on the property boundaries as Towle Hill Road in 1844 was in a different location. It was noted that further deed research will be performed before deciding how to move forward.

Road Agent Richard Heath met with the Board to discuss Highway Department operations and the Town garage. Road Agent Heath noted that he will be purchasing under drain materials for Towle Hill Road from the Highway Block Grant funds.

Joyce Blue explained that the Planning Board conditionally approved the parking area for the Little White Church and noted that one condition is that the Selectmen work with Town

Counsel on the possible liability of a walkway over Town land at the cemetery. It was noted that Town Counsel will be contacted to obtain a legal opinion on the matter.

Joyce Blue announced that she will not be running for another term as Selectman.

Joyce Blue noted that she reviewed the submitted information on Town Forests. Dick Fortin explained that he has found additional deeds and that a Warrant Article will be developed for Town Meeting.

Mark Watson met with the Board regarding Class 6 roads as it relates to snowmobiles. Dick Fortin noted that he has been researching roads to determine whether they are Class 6 or discontinued. Mark Watson stated that a Class 6 road is being plowed by a non-employee and questioned whether there is a written agreement with the Town and a provision in place should there be damage to the road surface. Mark Watson submitted information from the Master Plan and Selectmen Minutes from February 2016 which deals with access for snowmobiles. Mark Watson noted that if a Class 6 road is plowed, it should be sanded and have a sign that the road is non-passable. The Board will research the history of a Class 6 road being maintained by a private citizen.

Dick Fortin noted that the Conservation Commission has received two \$5000 grants, one from the Stewart Wilson Foundation and the second from the Working Theory Charitable Foundation. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to authorize the Conservation Commission to accept the two grants. Motion unanimously carried.***

Zach Page submitted a Building Permit Application for a 72x52 compost stall structure at 15 Elbow Hill Road (R13-010). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all setbacks and requirements of the 2022 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202227).

Zach Page discussed the status of Elbow Hill Road and noted that he would like to limit vehicular travel on the road. Dick Fortin stated that he is researching the road. Zach Page noted that he is still interested in pursuing winter grooming of the road for access and is willing to pay the estimated \$350 in legal costs. It was noted that the Board would seek clarification on the liability issue before pursuing the agreement for grooming.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and the blueberry fields. Dick Fortin explained that the proposal is to split the fields into two sections with Ryan Bushnell harvesting two sections and finding a new harvester for the remaining sections. Dick Fortin explained that Paul Nuccio is walking the Town lands and using GPS to draw out the lots with a narrative of blazing/markings and property conditions.

Ed Reilly gave an update on the Planning Board and recommended that the Select Board review the Hard Road to Travel book regarding requirements of walkways. Ed Reilly noted that there was an issue raised by a member of the Planning Board about removal of earth in front of the cemetery to make room for a sidewalk. Ed Reilly also reported that a member of the Planning Board suggested that plans for the parking lot go forward without the addition of a sidewalk.

The Board reviewed a picture of a fireplace on Thurston Pond Road. It was noted that a letter will be sent to the property owner explaining that a Building Permit is required for the structure.

Dick Fortin explained that David Condoulis has been working with a property owner on Ridge Road to divert the run-off that now crosses the road. It was noted that Dick Fortin will work with David Condoulis in an attempt to rectify the situation.

Signature items included a permit and State of NH Election Warrant.

The Board reviewed an email from Timothy Ostendorf regarding storage of trailers. The Board will send a letter to the property owner.

The Board reviewed an email from Timothy Ostendorf regarding a barking dog. It was noted that the Town does not have a noise ordinance. It was also noted that the Town's animal control officer has retired and that the Board needs to pursue hiring a new ACO.

The Board reviewed an email from Timothy Ostendorf regarding signs on Towle Hill Road. Dick Fortin noted that he drove on Towle Hill Road and did not observe any signs.

The Board reviewed an email from NH Municipal regarding exemption from payment of the Land Use Change Tax.

The Board reviewed information from John Hedden regarding the management of security systems during renovations. It was noted that a handout will be created to be given to residents when renovating their homes.

Carroll County Sheriff's Office submitted Deputy activity reports for September patrols.

HealthTrust submitted a renewal packet for 2023 health insurance rates.

Primex submitted renewal information and rates for next years' Property & Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation coverage.

It was noted that the Select Board will be meeting for a regional Selectmen's Meeting regarding ambulance service rates on Monday, October 24th, at 6:30 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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