

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$16,662.42 for 7 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of December 20, 2022. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of December 28, 2022. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Joyce Blue stated that she has reviewed the materials submitted regarding a Town Manager and noted that she is concerned as the question is on the ballot rather than discussed at Town Meeting. The Board requested that legal counsel be sought as to whether the Article can be voted on at Town Meeting.

Dennis Sullivan joined the Board to review a Building Permit application submitted by John Perrie on Lary Road (R06-008). Dennis Sullivan explained that the proposed site of the barn/garage is within the Ridgeline Protection zone and the driveway is within the Steep Slope zone, requiring Planning Board approvals. The Board denied the Building Permit application based on the requirement of Planning Board approvals under the Zoning Ordinance.

Road Agent Richard Heath met with the Board regarding budget items for the Highway Department. The Board discussed funding the CDL training with ARPA funds and requiring a two-year employment commitment by the employee before the training has begun. Road Agent Heath indicated that the gravel budget should not be reduced as there are still roads that do not have an adequate base. Road Agent Heath noted that he is now working full-time hours and is eligible for all benefits. Dick Fortin questioned the feasibility of parking in the winter parking lot to access a residence on Foss Mountain Road. Road Agent Heath noted that there is a mound of snow at the end of the Foss Mountain Road where the plow turns around that would be difficult to get over and that he would prefer access be through the other end of Foss Mountain Road.

Dick Fortin questioned whether the Board should meet with residents regarding snow mobiles on Willis Bean Road. Dick Fortin also questioned whether the Board should further discuss grooming of the roads for winter access. Ed Reilly stated that letters should be sent to all affected property owners.

The Board discussed the culvert on Towle Hill Road at the Simonds property. It was noted that the culvert will be disturbed to accommodate the installation of underdrain that will address water in that section of Towle Hill Road. If the Simonds' culvert is intact, it will be put back in place; if not, it will be replaced with a cost-share arrangement.

The Board discussed items to be included in the Town Report.

State of New Hampshire submitted a Statement of Remittance for the 2022 Meals & Rooms Tax in the amount of \$36,333.83.

State of New Hampshire submitted a Statement of Remittance for Bridge Aid under SB401 in the amount of \$23,156.97. It was noted that the Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 17th to accept this unanticipated revenue.

Minuteman Press submitted a quote for the printing of the Town Report.

The Board reviewed the Initial Damage Assessment for the December 22nd storm, which will be submitted to the NH Department of Emergency Management.

NHDHHS submitted information on assistance programs available to residents for fuel, electric and gas costs.

NHMA submitted Legislative Bulletin #1.

The Board scheduled a work session for Wednesday, January 11th, at 1 pm to work on the 2023 budget.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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