

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 24, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the Emergency Services Contract with Center Conway Fire Department.

Road Agent Richard Heath met with the Board to review the proposed budget for next year. Joyce Blue noted that the Board would like to discuss Road Agent Heath's proposed schedule and benefits. Road Agent Heath explained that he averaged 30 hours per week last year and that he is proposing the same for this year. Dick Fortin stated that based on the Employment Policy, in order to be eligible for benefits, 30 hours will be expected. Ed Reilly noted that he does not believe the Road Agent is an employee and has reached out to NHMA legal counsel for direction. Ed Reilly further stated that employees should work 40 hours to be eligible for benefits. Dick Fortin stated that he would like a two-year commitment prior to offering CDL training. Joyce Blue stated that she would rather there be a three-year commitment. The Board reviewed the schedule of truck replacement and Road Agent Heath noted that the backhoe will most likely need to be replaced in five years.

The Board reviewed the draft Warrant and updated budget. The Board discussed the proposal to formulate a Capital Improvements Committee and noted that the Article will ask that the Selectmen be authorized to formulate the Committee rather than the Planning Board.

Dick Fortin gave an update on a tentative new blueberry grower, who has requested a seven-year lease. It was noted that Town Counsel will be asked to give direction before the Conservation Commission moves forward.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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