

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Dick Fortin, Ed Reilly and Greg Grinnell. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$175,704.59 for 19 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of December 19, 2023. ***Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin explained that Joyce Blue requested the Town install a streetlight at the Little White Church parking lot entrance. It was the consensus of the Board to contact Eversource to install a streetlight.

Dick Fortin suggested contacting Nancy Spaulding at NHDOT District 3 to obtain more information regarding low salt zones.

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with Lindsay Kafka regarding the position of Moderator and noted that a Deputy Moderator may be needed for the two fall elections.

Dick Fortin explained that Road Agent "Stubby" Heath has suggested utilizing road materials to fill in the wash outs on Willis Bean Road rather than trucking it to the stump dump. The Board will contact the Porter, Maine, Selectmen to discuss the matter.

Ed Reilly stated that he spoke with John Hatch of Action Ambulance, who indicated that he would research the matter and respond back to the Selectmen.

Ed Reilly submitted draft statements to be submitted to legislators regarding two pending bills pertaining to RSA 91-A (HB 307-FN) and adoption of OSHA standards for public sector employees (HB 232-FN). The Board agreed to submit the statements for Legislature's consideration.

David & Caroline Powers submitted a Building Permit Application for a 60 x 44 barn/accessory building at 59 Hatch Hill Road (R11-004). The Building Permit application was reviewed by the Board. Whit Whitman and Randy Church met with the Board to discuss the application and proposed use of the barn. Whit Whitman explained that the barn will be used for storage purposes and that there is no proposed business use. Whit Whitman noted that the sink and shower have been removed from the proposal as there is no septic system. Greg Grinnell noted that if the barn becomes living space, the applicable building codes change and suggested planning for any future use. Whit

Whitman noted that the barn may house parties and questioned whether storage of unregistered vehicles is permissible. The Selectmen cautioned that “events” could constitute a change of use from storage and would require additional approvals such as Site Plan Review.

Ed Reilly gave an update on the Planning Board and noted that the Planning Board voted to send a letter of support on the culvert program grant being proposed by GMCG.

The Board reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to be presented at the Planning Board’s public hearing on January 17th.

Dick Fortin stated that the Conservation Commission is interested in the tax deeded parcel of land on Ben Road. The Selectmen suggested waiting on making decisions regarding this land.

Candace Maher questioned whether the Bone Builders group could utilize the Town’s Zoom account for their sessions. Dick Fortin stated that the Selectmen will discuss the issue further and make a decision.

State of NH submitted a Statement of Remittance for the 2023 Meals & Rooms Tax of \$39,124.94.

Effingham Zoning Board of Adjustment submitted a Regional Notice for the January 3rd Public Hearing regarding the proposed gas station.

NH Electric Co-op submitted information on their broadband program, which will service properties in South Eaton.

Stephanie Mathurin submitted information on volunteers for the primary election to be held on January 23rd.

Marnie Cobbs submitted a request for the Town to pay the Foss Mountain domain renewal. The Board agreed to have the Conservation Commission pay this invoice and the Selectmen will review once the Town has converted to the “.gov” domain.

Dick Fortin noted that the Yield Tax abatement request has been sent to Town Counsel for review and direction.

The Board scheduled a work session for January 10th at 3 pm to begin work on the 2024 budgets.

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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