

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**April 2, 2024**

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

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$33,810.85 for 16 items.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 19 and March 21, 2024. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

James & Jennifer Donato submitted a Building Permit Application to renew Permit #2022026 for a single-family residence at 78 Thurston Pond Road (R04-011-E). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2023 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024001).

Signature items included correspondence to Peter Lang & Myriam St. Jacques.

The Board reviewed a quote and sample design for a Town Hall sign. The Board will request a quote for a two-sided sign ready to mount.

June Garneau of Mapping & Planning Solutions submitted the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NHDOT submitted information on their paving projects for this summer.

The Board reviewed a request for a liquor license at the Snowvillage Inn. It was noted that the Board will approve the request once the Center Conway Fire Chief has issued the Permit for Assembly.

Ed Reilly questioned whether the Board should meet to discuss the two bond projects to review why they did not pass at Town Meeting. Dick Fortin noted that the Board should discuss before moving forward with any plans. The Board tabled this discussion until later in the meeting.

The Board reviewed State Statutes pertaining to the Master Plan and the roll of the Conservation Commission during the update. It was noted that the Planning Board will solicit input from the Commission while drafting the questionnaire.

The Board discussed the status of cybersecurity projects and requested a list of items that have already been addressed.

Ed Reilly stated that the Board receives information to support the financial requests by non-profit agencies and asked whether someone from the agency should be present at Town Meeting. The Board will send a letter to each agency stating that a representative will be required to attend the Budget Hearing.

Ed Reilly stated that according to a newspaper article, 6 Towns are renegotiating their school contract and questioned whether the Selectmen should be kept informed on the process. It was requested that Monique Hebert be asked to attend the next meeting.

Ed Reilly submitted a list of the existing Policies and Regulations that the Board will be reviewing and updating over the next year.

Greg Grinnell submitted information from Blue Sky Towers regarding possible placement of a cell tower in Town. Dick Fortin recommended meeting with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to discuss the feasibility of a tower.

The Board discussed the status of Foss Mountain Road and noted that concerns was expressed regarding travel for the eclipse on Monday.

Dick Fortin explained that the scenic road restriction applies to stone walls and cutting trees. It was noted that the Public Hearing for tree cutting on the scenic roads will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dick Fortin explained that he discussed the issue of maps on the NRI website with NHMA legal counsel and was told that RSA 91-A only applies if someone requests the information. The Board will continue to research this issue.

Dick Fortin stated that he discussed the position of Fire Warden with Tom Trask and noted that Larry Nash's three-year term just started.

Dick Fortin stated that he discussed Town Hall's sound system with John Hartman, who is willing to set up the system. Ed Reilly suggested obtaining prices for a new system.

Dick Fortin stated that the Board has been planning on meeting with Nancy Spaulding of NHDOT regarding low salt areas and suggested also discussing the issue of beavers which cause flooding in Town. The Board also noted that a request for painting stop lines at the four corners should be discussed.

Bethany Hicks met with the Board regarding the position of land use administrator. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to hire Bethany Hicks as a part-time assistant. Motion unanimously carried.***

Greg Grinnell stated that he spoke with Jane Gray about fund-raising for the Town Hall project. Dick Fortin stated that he spoke with David Norton, who indicated that the projects probably didn't pass due to the tax impact and noted that the cost of the projects will not

be any cheaper in future years. Dick Fortin stated that the Selectmen should talk to residents to answer any questions they may have and questioned whether additional options should be reviewed before going back to the voters next year. Greg Grinnell stated that he would like to pursue additional options with other companies. Dick Fortin noted that funding sources should also be researched.

***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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