

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Dick Fortin and Greg Grinnell. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Ed Reilly joined the meeting at 3:35 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$18,208.36 for 18 items. The Payroll manifest was also reviewed and signed.

John Hatch and JT Harmon from Action Ambulance Service joined the Board to discuss billing procedures. John Hatch explained that charges for ambulance services are dictated by State and Federal regulations. John Hatch stated that Anthem sends payment for ambulance services directly to the patient rather than the service provider, sometimes making it more difficult to collect payment. John Hatch gave an overview of the changes in dispatch and noted that the ambulance will now respond from Tamworth.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 6, 2024. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Budget Hearing. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 15, 2024 morning meeting. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 15, 2024 evening meeting. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin explained that he spoke with NHMA regarding the process for appointing a Moderator for Town Meeting. Dick Fortin stated that the Supervisors of the Checklist can swear in a Moderator, who can then appoint an Assistant Moderator for voting day.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and explained that Dennis Sullivan met with the Commission to review the Natural Resource Inventory. Dick Fortin explained that there is a group of volunteers who will assist with the mapping for the NRI website. Dick Fortin stated that he will contact NHMA regarding whether all maps have to be public or is some could be designated as limited access.

Dennis Sullivan met with the Board to review spreadsheets that he created to show all bond terms at 5% interest to compare the possible tax impact. Dennis Sullivan also submitted a spreadsheet showing the tax impact of each of the proposed Warrant articles.

Ed Reilly questioned whether Eaton's EMD should be in contact with the HSEM field representative as there are grants available to the Town for emergency management projects.

Greg Grinnell noted that he has been in contact with Louis Vitali of Mariner Towers to review land for a possible cell tower.

Signature items included correspondence to Snowville L&T, Certificate of Occupancy for Kurt Willson & Andrea Marescia (R10-007-B), 2024 Town Meeting Warrant and 2024 MS-636 Proposed Budget.

Ken & MaryAnn Blatt submitted a Building Permit Application for a 7x10 greenhouse at 135 Brownfield Road (U02-003). 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 #2023040).

Waukeela Landco submitted a Building Permit Application to demolish an existing bathroom building and to construct an 18-1/2x32-1/2 bathroom/shower building at 25 Brownfield Road (R03-027). 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 #2023041).

The Board reviewed a request for abatement of a Yield Tax. After review of all submitted information, the Board unanimously approved an abatement of \$554.49.

The Board discussed the feasibility of having Town Counsel present at Town Meeting. Dick Fortin noted that Heidi & Don Field expressed concern about the Warrant Article pertaining to the South Eaton Meetinghouse being amended. It was noted that the Article was written by Town Counsel and that the Article should be clarified and not amended.

At 6:24 pm, Dick Fortin 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 (Dick Fortin-Yes, Ed Reilly-Yes, Greg Grinnell-Yes).

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the non-public session and return to public session. Motion unanimously carried. The Board reconvened public session at 7:00 pm.

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

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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