

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, March 5, 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 \$217,775.61 for 18 items. The Payroll manifest was also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 20, 2024. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Non-Public Session Minutes of February 20, 2024. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dick Fortin raised the question of reviewing Building Permit applications when they are complicated and noted that he would like time to review the materials. After much discussion, the Board agreed that Building Permit applications are to be submitted one week in advance. The Permit application forms will be updated to reflect the submission requirement.

Paul Hennigan and Dennis Sullivan joined the Board to review procedures for Town Meeting. It was noted that Paul Hennigan will be Moderator as Stephanie Mathurin has advised the Selectmen that she would not be able to fulfill the duties of Moderator for Town Meeting. Bond Counsel will be contacted for clarification on amendments and reconsideration of the bond Articles.

Dick Fortin stated that trees have been marked with pink ribbons on Foss and Potter Roads and that an application will be submitted to the Planning Board to gain permission for the Highway Department to remove the trees. Dick Fortin stated that Asplundt is also marking trees with checkered tape and will be submitting an application to the Planning Board.

Patricia McMurry joined the Board to discuss the possibility of fund raising for construction of the Town Hall addition. Patricia McMurry gave an overview of the process and questioned whether fundraising for the Little White Church could be included with the mailings. Dick Fortin stated that combining the Town with the Church could be an issue. Greg Grinnell questioned whether the Town could pay all the expenses if the two efforts are combined. It was noted that Patricia McMurry will submit a proposed fund raising letter for the Board's review.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke to Ron Briggs regarding a boundary survey and reported that the cost could be approximately \$2500 and that it could be scheduled for the spring.

Dick Fortin explained that he reviewed the repair costs for the F550 highway truck, which was approximately \$22,000 over the past 18 months. The Board discussed the truck replacement schedule and will further discuss the issue.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to appoint Bayard Russell as Eaton's Emergency Management Director. Motion unanimously carried.

Ed Reilly explained that he called HSEM regarding possible grant funds for the Town Hall as it is the emergency operations center. Ed Reilly noted that HSEM will research possible grants and report back to the Board.

Greg Grinnell gave an update on the Planning Board and noted that the Board is focusing on the Master Plan update.

The Board reviewed a Resolution adopting the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion unanimously carried.*** The Board signed the Resolution and Certificate of Adoption.

The Board reviewed an email from Atty. Gorrow regarding the South Eaton Meeting House Warrant Article.

Marilee Enus of UNH Technology Transfer Center submitted information on the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant program.

The Board reviewed information on the estimated 2023 Equalized ratio of 76.2%.

JoAnn Kelly submitted information on the number of families supported by Children Unlimited.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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