

**TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832**

**EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**June 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, June 4, 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 \$19,301.79 for 18 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

NHDOT District 3 Engineer Nancy Spaulding met with the Board to discuss several items. Nancy Spaulding explained that the Brownfield Road paving/shim project has not yet been scheduled but will most likely take place late summer. Dick Fortin stated that a resident requested that the Board research a low salt designation near the ponds and questioned the process. Nancy Spaulding explained that DOT does not use sand because of the removal costs in the Spring and noted that the low salt areas are due to drinking water sites. Nancy Spaulding stated that public safety comes first and that she will check on possible alternate methods for treating the roads and report back to the Board. Nancy Spaulding explained that although the striping crews are understaffed, she will make sure the stop line project in Eaton Center will be on the list of DOT projects.

Ed Reilly noted that there is only one speed limit sign on Brownfield Road. Nancy Spaulding stated that she will discuss the matter with the safety administrator for direction.

The Board discussed the issue of flooding on Route 153 and Brownfield Road caused by the presence of beavers. Nancy Spaulding stated that NHDOT has limited authority outside of the right-of-way and cannot address the beaver issues on private property. Nancy Spaulding suggested working with NHDES, Fish & Game and property owners to discuss possible solutions.

Nancy Spaulding explained that the box culvert just south of the Eaton Village Store will be replaced, which will require the closure of Route 153 for a week, followed by one-lane traffic for a few weeks while work on the culvert continues. Nancy Spaulding noted that the project has been tentatively scheduled for July.

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

Signature items included the June 2024 Property Tax Warrant, Permit for Use of Town Lands and correspondence to Tristan & Lisa Wilkins and Henry Nakamura & Sarah Van Boven.

Zach Page submitted a Building Permit Application to remove an existing deck and siding, to remove an existing mudroom and to construct a new deck with a covered section at 15

Elbow Hill Road (R13-010). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2024 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024004).

Robert Weinstein submitted a Building Permit Application for a generator at 35 Thompson Hill Road (R11-040). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2024 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024005).

Barry & MaryAnne Ellis submitted a Building Permit Application to demolish an 8x12 shed at 20 Ridge Road (U01-035). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2024 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024006).

Rick Wilcox submitted a Building Permit Application for a 10x10 shed at 86 Woodland Acres Road (R05-017). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2024 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2024007).

Charter Communications/Spectrum submitted a Franchise Agreement. The Board will review the Agreement for discussion at their next meeting.

NHDES approved a Wetlands Permit for Kenneth & Marguerite Dean (R01-036).

Dick Fortin advised the Board that he spoke with David Works regarding the trailer on his property and noted that it will be removed.

Heidi Field and Laura Robinson met with the Board regarding the deed for the South Eaton Meetinghouse and paid the \$1.00 purchase fee.

Trustees Victoria Murphy, Jane Gray and Elaine Klose met with the Board to discuss the Eaton Cemetery. Ed Reilly stated that Sherm DeWitt expressed concerns regarding the condition of the cemetery. Dick Fortin noted that Jess Davis has worked on cemetery stones for the Town in the past. Victoria Murphy noted that the Town does not have deeds for this cemetery and that the Trustees will focus on this cemetery. Jane Gray stated that the graves should be documented. Victoria Murphy noted that the Trustees will put together a report and come back to the Selectmen to further discuss a plan of action. Elaine Klose stated that she met with Diana Simonds regarding the trees at the Snowville Cemetery that need to be pruned. Dick Fortin noted that the Town chipper can be used and that there is a clump of trees in the lower section that may need to be cut.

The Board reviewed the amended ground lease and will put together a clean copy for final review and submission.

Dick Fortin explained that he has researched abandoned and discontinued roads and noted that they can be closed off by gates or other means.

Dick Fortin stated that he has ordered an LED street light for placement at the Little White Church on Eaton Road.

The Selectmen noted that the Eaton School Board will hold a special meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm to gather input from voters regarding possible new school contracts.

***Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lianne Boelzner*

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