

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, July 16, 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 \$19,281.12 for 17 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of July 2, 2024. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Twin Brook Farm submitted a Building Permit Application to demolish an existing non-conforming shed and to construct a new 10x14x12 shed in the same footprint at 222 Birch Hill Road (R10-026). 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 #2024011).

The Board discussed and approved the use of Town Hall on August 13th for a funeral reception as there will be a Town official present.

The Board reviewed information from TD Bank regarding the existing CD. ***Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to add \$100,000 to the CD for a two-month term. Motion unanimously carried.*** The Board and Treasurer Sue Jones signed all the necessary paperwork.

The Lower MWV Solid Waste District submitted information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held at the Conway Transfer Station on Saturday, September 21st, 8 to 11:30 am.

Lisa Wilkins notified the Selectmen that work has been completed on their stairway in accordance with the Zoning Board conditional approval and that they are awaiting final inspection by the Building Inspector.

Edmunds Software submitted a cost proposal for financial software for the Board's review and discussion at a later meeting.

Nancy Watson advised the Board of a public hearing in Porter, Maine, regarding a possible gravel pit on property that abuts Town land.

USVLT submitted information with their tax payment regarding their tax-exempt status as a charitable organization. USVLT also indicated that their intent is to file for property tax exemption for the 2025 tax year.

Eversource submitted information on the upcoming rate increases for electric service.

Granite State Analytical submitted water test results for samples taken at the Town beach on July 9th.

NH HSEM submitted information on the Disaster Declaration for the April 3-5, 2024 storm and advised of required briefing meetings if the Town is planning to submit a claim for financial assistance. It was noted that the Town did not suffer any road damage due to this storm.

Ed Reilly questioned the status of the E-911 changes for Alaya Lane. It was noted that Dick Fortin will reach out to the property owners to schedule a meeting.

Ed Reilly submitted information from NHMA on duties of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and noted that he would look into the possibility of revising the duties listed in the Town's Investment Policy, as requested by the Trustees. Ed Reilly noted that he could not revise any requirements covered by the RSA.

The Board discussed the shed at Camp Waukeela and noted that there has been no response to the request for a site visit. The Board will send a letter indicating that the new shed is larger in size than the previous grandfathered structure and that the new shed must be reduced in size.

Greg Grinnell submitted information on the camper currently located on Eaton Road and indicated that Federal Piping was observed at the property. The Board will send the property owners a letter again stating that the camper is not in compliance with Eaton's Zoning Ordinance.

The Board reviewed the draft Master Plan questionnaire in preparation for the joint meeting on Monday, July 22nd.

Dick Fortin explained that School Board member Sue Wiley requested the services of Town Counsel in regard to the school contract negotiations. The consensus of the Board was that use of Town Counsel is permissible and that the bill for legal services be paid through the SAU budget.

Dick Fortin stated that he met with Ron Briggs regarding a survey of the Town Hall/Town Garage property and indicated that an estimate will be submitted for approval before the survey work begins.

Dick Fortin stated that Paul Hennigan has inquired as to whether NHDOT would install a footbridge during the road closure for the new culvert. It was noted that Nancy Spaulding would be contacted to make this request.

Dick Fortin stated that he researched the length of Old Carriage Road (formerly Lawless Road) in response to the McBrien's visit with the Selectmen. Dick Fortin stated that records show that the Town portion of the road is 830 feet.

Dick Fortin explained that School Treasurer Dale Schofield has suggested that she perform more of the bookkeeping duties rather than paying the SAU. The Board recommended that she reach out to the SAU office to discuss the issue.

Mark Griffin and Sherm DeWitt joined the Board to discuss the Mayo property on Potter Road. Sherm DeWitt requested that the Selectmen visit the property and review the proposal to remove trees from the stream. Greg Grinnell stated that a State Permit is required to work in the stream and questioned why the Town is being approached again regarding the project. Mark Griffin stated that NHDES has indicated that no permit is needed. Ed Reilly stated that if equipment is used, a permit is required and noted that he had suggested to Mark Griffin in an earlier phone conversation that he contact NHDES again for clarification. Dick Fortin stated that the Wetlands Division and not the Shoreland Division covers this stream and that he spoke with a representative who stated that use of equipment will require a Wetlands Permit. Dick Fortin stated that the Board was told that an excavator would be used to remove the trees. Sherm DeWitt stated that the logs would be moved with ropes and that the excavator would be on the road to remove the logs from against the road. Ed Reilly reiterated that this was a State issue, and that if this project is found to violate the rules, the property owner might be fined by the State.

Dick Fortin stated that he received a complaint regarding the Gray's trailer not being moved before fall foliage. It was noted that the Board will send a letter to the property owners regarding the issue.

Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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