

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832
EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Greg Grinnell, Dick Fortin and John Schmerfeld. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$3,889.52 for 11 items.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 11, 2025. ***Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included a Notice of Intent to Cut for David & Caroline Powers (R11-016-A) and TD Bank signature cards and Certificate of Resolution.

The Board reviewed an application for an Elderly Property Tax Exemption. ***Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.***

William Heath and Dan Jones joined the Board and gave an overview of the highway salt training course they recently attended. William Heath explained that the course showed how to calibrate and calculate the amount of salt being used and noted that they are using less than instructors said is necessary. Dan Jones noted that there are different types of salt. Dick Fortin questioned whether the Town's equipment is set at a low distribution rate. William Heath stated that it depends on the temperatures and stated that the Town uses approximately 2-1/2 yards of salt per storm.

Road Agent Heath joined the Board to review the submitted budget proposal from Construx Inc. for a steel building. Greg Grinnell stated that he will take the estimate and use costs to complete the building in order to compare with the estimated cost of a wooden building. Road Agent Heath noted that the building will need a generator and stated that radiant heat would be preferred.

Road Agent Heath submitted the price sheet for the new Highway truck and noted that he will pursue an eight-year warranty for the truck. The Board discussed the status of Foss Mountain Road. Road Agent Heath will be posting a "Road Closed" sign until the road is deemed passable.

The Board reviewed Legislative Bulletin #10 and an email from NHMA regarding upcoming Bills related to Zoning mandates. The Board requested that an email be sent to Eaton's Senate and House members to express the Board's concerns regarding the proposed legislation.

Dale Schofield joined the Board to discuss the Eaton Village Preservation Society and the possibility of the Town entering into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for the Eaton Village Store. Dale Schofield explained that there is no set agreement and that the Town could develop a contract that works for each party. Dale Schofield gave an overview of current taxes and proposed three different methods of calculating a PILOT. Dale Schofield stated that the savings would enable the EVPS to open the Post Office four additional hours per week; likely two additional hours on Mondays and Tuesdays after lunch each day. John Schmerfeld requested the opportunity to review the EVPS Charter. The Board will consult with the Assessor and NHDRA and further discuss this proposal at their next meeting.

The Board reviewed the job description for the Town Administrator and developed a draft job description for the Administrative Assistant.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to reappoint John Border as a regular member for three years and Pam Burns as regular member for two years to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion unanimously carried.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to appoint Stanley Dudrick and Judy Wilson as regular members for three years to the Planning Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Greg Grinnell questioned whether there is funding available for training for new members of the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Board will review available training through NHMA for further discussion.

The Board discussed how to proceed with the Town Hall and scheduled a work session for 12 noon on April 1st. The Board will review the Town Hall and Town Garage and set forth priorities for moving forward.

Greg Grinnell requested that notice be sent out via Eatonears regarding the E-911 signs. The Board set a deadline of April 15th at noon for residents to order signs.

Dick Fortin reminded the Board that adherence to RSA 91-A is crucial and suggested that the Board begin reviewing all policies for possible updates.

Dick Fortin explained that there has been a request to review the Town's Cybersecurity Policy. The Board will consult with Counsel to determine how to move forward.

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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