

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Greg Grinnell, Dick Fortin and John Schmerfeld. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$340,865.08 for 20 items. The Payroll Manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 17, 2025. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 20, 2025. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 26, 2025. ***John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included the NHDRA PA-28 Inventory Form and Certificate of Occupancy for Jessica Fortin & Brian Greenough (R05-016).

The Board reviewed an abatement for the Eaton Village Preservation Society based on their approval for Charitable Exemption on the old Town Vault (U02-018-BLDG). ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to grant an abatement of \$22.40. Motion unanimously carried.***

Tucker & Matt Watson submitted a Building Permit application to renew Permit #2022032 for a camping platform and compost toilet on Woodland Acres Road (R05-018). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2025 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2025012).

Kenneth Cargill & Linda Bittner submitted a Building Permit application for a 36x40 concrete pad at 177 Lary Road (R05-006). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2025 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2025013).

Kyle Perry submitted a Building Permit application for a single-family residence with garage at 106 Brownfield Road (R03-057). The Building Permit application was reviewed

and approved as all requirements of the 2025 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #2025014).

The Board reviewed an application by the Audubon Society for a charitable exemption. The Board noted that this property is enrolled in Current Use. **John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to deny application as the property does not meet the used and occupied directly requirement. Motion unanimously carried.**

Road Agent Heath joined the Board to discuss Highway Department projects and noted that Bull Pasture Road will be closed July 7th-10th, 7 am to 3 pm, for reconstruction. It was noted that the detour routes will be Stewart and/or Bush Roads.

Mike Woronka and Eric Gagne of Action Ambulance Service met with the Board to discuss the closing of Route 153 in July. Mike Woronka stated that he will speak with the Conway Chiefs to make sure there are no issues during that week. Dick Fortin questioned the issues with the budget numbers. Mike Woronka stated that the underpayment of \$250 per month will be written off. John Schmerfeld questioned the training of drivers to make sure that they are familiar with the Town. Mike Woronka explained the scavenger hunt activity to train drivers and also noted that they can track the vehicles. Eric Gagne gave an overview of how drivers are scheduled so that someone on the ambulance is familiar with the Town.

The Board reviewed an application by the Community Church of Eaton for a charitable exemption. **Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Board reviewed an application by the South Eaton Meeting House for a charitable exemption. **Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Board reviewed an application by the Eaton Village Preservation Society for a charitable exemption. The Board noted that apartment and store do not qualify as a charitable activity. The Board also noted that the post office is a rented space and does not meet the "owned, used and occupied" test in the Statutes. **Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to deny the application. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Board reviewed Primex's Cybersecurity incident reporting procedures flyer.

The Board reviewed Legislative Bulletins #24 and #25.

The Board reviewed a short-rental on Eaton Road. The Board will send a letter to the property owner.

The Board reviewed the Notices of Decision from the Planning Board.

The Board requested that a Joint Board meeting be scheduled for September.

Nancy Watson joined the Board to discuss the condition of Foss Mountain Road.

The Board discussed the issue of inflatable swimming pools and noted that they do not require Building Permits as long as they meet setback requirements.

The Board discussed a release of liability form and requested that one be obtained from Primex.

Dick Fortin stated that he checked the picnic tables and noted that a few may need to be replaced next year.

John Schmerfeld explained that he was given a tour of the Conway Town Hall and the document storage areas.

John Schmerfeld stated that Robert Christensen of HSEM would like to meet with the Board to discuss a table-top training exercise. John Schmerfeld will schedule a meeting.

Greg Grinnell gave an update on the Highway Garage. The Board reviewed an email from David Pandora listing items to be considered for the Garage. Greg Grinnell noted that the estimated cost at this time is \$665,000 and that the Town would act as General Contractor.

Larry Nash joined the Board to discuss the flags in Town. Greg Grinnell stated that the flags were changed without discussing with the Selectmen. Larry Nash stated that he wanted to display historical flags with the 250th occurring next year. Dick Fortin stated that residents want the American flags back on display. John Schmerfeld stated that some residents have called the flags provocative. The Board requested, and Larry Nash agreed, to remove the new flags. Larry Nash stated that some of the American flags are tattered and Dick Fortin noted that the Town will pay for the replacement flags.

The Board discussed shooting ranges in Town and possibly adopting an Ordinance. The Board tabled the discussion as Sheriff Richardi was unable to attend the meeting.

The Board discussed the shed at Camp Waukeela. Dick Fortin suggested requesting a site visit to measure the structure. The Board will reach out to the owners to set up a site visit.

The Board discussed the status of Youngs Road. Dick Fortin stated that he has been researching the initial layout of the road and noted that at a previous Town Meeting it was designated as a 50-foot right of way. John Schmerfeld will contact NHMA regarding the issue.

John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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