

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Greg Grinnell, Dick Fortin and John Schmerfeld. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$76,454.97 for 18 items. The Payroll Manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

At 2:50 pm, Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Motion carried by roll call vote (Greg Grinnell-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, John Schmerfeld-Yes).

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the non-public session and return to public session. Motion unanimously carried. The Board reconvened public session at 3:06 pm.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to seal the Minutes because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely affect the reputation of an individual. Motion carried by roll call vote (Greg Grinnell-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, John Schmerfeld-Yes).

Brian Hebert joined the Board to discuss dump truck noise on Route 153. Brian Hebert stated that he discussed the issue with Road Agent Richard Heath and William Heath and requested that the J-brake not be used at his property and that if it continues, he will take the issue to the State Police. Brian Hebert questioned if rental of equipment is put out to bid. Dick Fortin explained that equipment and truck rental prices are requested every year from different companies and noted that historically the Road Agent has used personal equipment that is rented by the Town. The Board will review this issue with the Road Agent at their next meeting.

Signature items included the Emergency Services Contract with Center Conway Fire Department and Notice of Intent to Cut for Timothy Ostendorf & Robert Barker (R07-001 & 010).

The Board reviewed an application to Bait Wildlife. It was the consensus of the Board that the Town will no longer approve bear baiting on Town lands.

Alfred Frizelle submitted a Building Permit application demolish and rebuild a deck at 2308 Eaton Road (U01-043). 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 #2025015).

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of July 1, 2025. ***John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.*** It was reported that Larry Nash stepped down from caring for the flags so the Selectmen removed the flags and will purchase all new contemporary flags. The Board thanks Larry Nash for his service to the Town.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of July 7, 2025. ***John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board discussed the issue of lost beach guest passes. It was the consensus of the Board to not replace lost guest passes.

The Board reviewed a request from Diana Simonds regarding the Snowvillage Cemetery. The Board requested that a new plot be purchased in the new section of the Cemetery to accommodate the additional family members.

The Board was advised of a Regional Ambulance meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

Michael Woronka of Action Ambulance submitted information on the FirstNET system for the Board's review.

Robert Christensen of HSEM scheduled a meeting on August 14th to discuss possible training exercises.

The Board reviewed an email from Sheriff Richardi. The Board discussed the possibility of sending a letter to property owners who are possibly shooting on their property to advise that caution should be taken to ensure the safety of surrounding properties. The Board will speak to the property owner before moving forward with any action.

The Board discussed the status of Youngs Road and will finalize a letter regarding the width of the road.

Colton Dow met with the Board and gave an update on the proposed subdivision. Colton Dow explained that the abutter agreed to sell the required five-feet for road frontage but no plans have been finalized at this time. The Board set forth the July 30th deadline to file an application to the Planning Board. The Board agreed to waive any fines until the July 30th filing deadline for application submittal.

The Board reviewed a definition to be added to the Acceptable Use policy. The Policy will be updated, signature pages added and ready for adoption at the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed and amended the Employment Policy.

The Board scheduled a Joint Board meeting for Tuesday, September 23rd, at 6 pm.

Dick Fortin explained that Emily Lucy has purchased the required liability insurance for the Blueberry Agreement. The Board reviewed and signed the Agreement.

Dick Fortin explained that he researched the property assessment cards for Camp Waukeela and noted that the shed was never shown as a structure. Dick Fortin suggested that the Selectmen request a site visit and that they should seek approval from the Zoning Board for the increase in size of the shed.

Dick Fortin noted that he reviewed Foss Mountain Road and reported that the condition is not bad at this time.

Dick Fortin explained that Suzanne Raiche had a request to bring a service dog onto the Beach. It was the consensus of the Board to not permit the service dog as it would be for training of the dog and not required need.

The Board discussed a request to utilize Crystal Lake for an occupational therapy class. The Board will research the liability issue for further discussion.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and an overview of Steve Kafka's progress on the Potter Road access to Conway Lake. Dick Fortin noted that he has been working with Emily Lucy on the harvesting of blueberries.

The Board reviewed a report of mountain bikes on Foss Mountain. John Schmerfeld stated that there is signage restricting the use of bikes on the Foss Mountain trail.

Dick Fortin noted that Maverick Eldridge will be cutting the trees at the Eaton Cemetery on Thursday.

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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