

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, August 19, 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 \$378,845.73 for 15 items. The Payroll Manifest was also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of August 5, 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 August 15, 2025. ***John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed information from TD Bank regarding the interest rates for CDs. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to roll over the CD for an additional two months. Motion unanimously carried.***

NHDRA submitted information on statutory changes to Property Tax credits for Veterans.

The Board reviewed water test results from Granite State Analytical for testing at the Town Beach on August 4, 2025.

The Board reviewed, adopted and signed the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy. The Board will meet with employees, elected officials and Board chairs to review the Policy.

The Board reviewed a flyer for the Eaton Age in Place Series beginning September 4th.

Signature items included correspondence and Notice of Intent to Cut Wood for Robert Hatch (R09-003).

David & Linda Sorensen submitted a Building Permit application for an 8x16 Honeybee House at 67 Old Portland Road (R11-030). 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 #2025020).

Paul Paradis submitted a Building Permit application for a 12x12 shed at 313 Willis Bean Road (R13-008). 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 #2025021).

The Board discussed requesting that property owners file an Agreement as required under RSA 674 even though buildings have been constructed.

Mary McCormick met with the Board regarding the removal of a driveway culvert at her property. Mary McCormick explained that when the roadwork was done about a year ago, Road Agent Heath asked about the second driveway and she told him that she does not use that access, so the culvert was removed. Mary McCormick noted that it was a misunderstanding and that she told Road Agent Heath that she could not afford both culverts. Dick Fortin questioned whether this access is needed. Mary McCormick noted that access is needed for tree removal. Dick Fortin explained that a clear ditch is maintenance free but a culvert requires regular maintenance and that maintenance and replacement is the responsibility of the property owner. Mary McCormick stated that there is a culvert that crosses the road so not much water goes past her house. John Schmerfeld stated that a ditch is preferred over a culvert. Road Agent Heath stated that both culverts were rotted and that there was part of a cement pipe in the culvert that was removed. Road Agent Heath suggested that the ditch be filled with pulpwood to give temporary access to remove the trees and then the fill would be removed. Dick Fortin questioned whether there is a preference and if Ms. McCormick wants the culvert replaced. Mary McCormick stated that it may be easier to have a culvert. Greg Grinnell noted that once a culvert is installed, maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner. The Board indicated that they will further discuss the issue and report back to Ms. McCormick.

The Board further discussed the issue and noted that there was a mis-communication and that both options should be spelled out, noting that an open ditch is the preference of the Selectmen.

Quddus Snyder met with the Board to discuss Youngs Road. Dick Fortin reviewed the photos submitted by Mr. Snyder and gave an overview of each "structure." Quddus Snyder stated that his intent was to point out that these items meet the definition of a structure. Dick Fortin stated that the sign on the granite block meets the definition of a structure because it is attached to a much larger upright than is necessary compared to the other examples Mr. Snyder provided. Dick Fortin stated that if it was not over four square feet and attached to a simple post, it would only need to meet the sign requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. Dick Fortin stated that the sign on a granite block and the toilets require a Building Permit. Dick Fortin explained that the regulations were voted on at Town Meeting and the Selectmen enforce them with common sense. Quddus Snyder stated that the common sense clause allows the Selectmen to ignore items but put his property under a microscope. Greg Grinnell stated that the Selectmen are attempting to enforce the regulations. Quddus Snyder stated that he wants to comply after definitions have been discussed and that he will not be pursuing a Building Permit so will make adjustments. Quddus Snyder questioned the definition of second-hand items and questioned how many are permitted. Dick Fortin stated that the Selectmen have observed items that have recently appeared and now litter the side of the road. Quddus Snyder stated that these items were all on the farm and that they are not permanent as they will be disposed of on amnesty day. Quddus Snyder questioned what is an "accumulation" and "injurious". Greg

Grinnell stated that residents in Town are complaining. Quddus Snyder stated that he receives compliments. John Schmerfeld stated that the Selectmen's job is to be objective and that Article IV in the Zoning Ordinance spells out what is injurious. Quddus Snyder stated that the definitions are subject to interpretation and that the mattresses are not detrimental. John Schmerfeld stated that the Board is trying to be reasonable and that the tires will degrade and impact groundwater quality, which is an issue. Quddus Snyder argued that culverts and materials used are an issue because of exposure to sun and are in the flow of water. Quddus Snyder stated that he wants the Selectmen to make decisions about what is "injurious" as it is a judgement call and has never been challenged. Quddus Snyder stated that he will clean up the Thoms property and then meet again with the Board to discuss his property.

Gerard Vanasse submitted a Building Permit application for a 13x20x12 wooden shed in an existing footprint (non-conforming) at 22 Glines Hill Road (U02-021-B). 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 #2025022).

Gerard Vanasse stated that there is a drainage issue in front of his house and that the new road is higher so he has to drive in at an angle. Gerard Vanasse stated that there used to be a catch basin on his front lawn but noted that it was always filling up with sand. The Board will conduct a site visit to review the situation. Gerard Vanasse also noted that the speed of vehicles on the road has increased and that tractor trailers are also now using Glines Hill Road.

John Schmerfeld explained that Bob Christensen of HSEM would like to perform training at a Selectmen's meeting. John Schmerfeld will work on scheduling the training session.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and noted that the Commission suggested that the beach attendants take daily water temperatures.

Dick Fortin stated that he received an update from Larry Nash regarding a fire on Potter Road.

The Board noted that they personally stopped to see Larry Nash and thank him for his years of service with the flags.

Dick Fortin explained that he measured the Simonds cemetery plots at the Snowville Cemetery and stated that one corner needs to be moved. The Board will meet with Diana Simonds and Elaine Klose at the Cemetery.

The Board reviewed the current fee schedule and will hold a public hearing to revise the fees. It was noted that the cost of certified mail exceeds the current fee for those mailings.

At 5:58 pm, Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, 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).

The Board reconvened public session at 6:30 pm.

John Schmerfeld 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).

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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