

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, September 2, 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 \$24,917.29 for 15 items. The Payroll Manifest was also reviewed and signed.

Betsy Gemmecke and Lindsay Kafka joined the Board to discuss the upcoming Aging In Place Seminars. Betsy Gemmecke stated that she would like the Selectmen to attend the October 23rd session as that will be when options and suggestions on how to move forward are discussed. Lindsay Kafka stated that there are community programs in existence that the Town can review for ideas. Betsy Gemmecke explained that the Town of Freedom has a part-time elder services person for resources. Lindsay Kafka stated that needs of the community need to be assessed and then determine what can be addressed by volunteers before it is known what the Town can do to assist. John Schmerfeld noted that as the process unfolds, if it affects the Town budget, deadlines should be monitored. Betsy Gemmecke noted that EVPS has offered to assist with access to a separate bank account and that there are a lot of different models to review.

Joel Wasserman questioned when the roads will be graded. Dick Fortin explained that roads cannot be graded when it is so dry and that the Highway crew is waiting for rain.

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of August 19, 2025. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included a Cemetery Deed for the Patterson Family.

David Lovequist submitted a Building Permit application to replace kitchen cabinets and island at 67 Willis Bean Road (R07-019). 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 #2025023).

Jay Perault & Erin DeRoche submitted a Building Permit application for a 28x28 Garage with living space on the second floor at 16 Lary Road (R06-025). 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 #2025024).

Joseph & Robin Medeiros submitted a Building Permit application for a 16x26 addition and 5x16 deck at 81 Cove Road (R01-043). 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 #2025025).

The Board reviewed an email addressed to Health Officer David Pandora and indicated that the email should be sent directly to Mr. Pandora.

Starting Point submitted information for the 2026 funding request.

NH Municipal Bond Bank submitted information for the January 2026 bond sale.

The Board reviewed key contact information submitted by the NH Department of Health & Human Services for the Health Officer.

Quddus Snyder joined the Board to discuss Zoning Ordinance compliance issues at 140 Youngs Road. Quddus Snyder requested clarification on the monoliths which are more than 6-feet in height and questioned if it fits into the neighborhood as it is not blocking the view of the road. Greg Grinnell questioned whether Mr. Snyder is willing to pay for replacements if they are hit by the Town plow. Quddus Snyder stated that his driveway is the road and that the posts are in his lawn. Dick Fortin stated that they are in violation of Zoning because of the setback requirement and suggested obtaining a Variance from the Zoning Board as the Selectmen do not have the authority to waive Zoning Ordinance requirements. Quddus Snyder stated that it is a reasonable request as it is only 20 feet from the road to his front door. Quddus Snyder stated that the post slow down traffic and that additional time would be needed to apply to the Zoning Board. Dick Fortin noted that the Road Agent should be involved in the location of the posts to make sure they are not in the way of snowplows. Dick Fortin stated that residents have obtained Building Permits for compost bins as it is a structure and noted that it also needs to meet setback requirements. Quddus Snyder questioned if that applies if he adds flowers. Quddus Snyder explained that the bins came about as a way to move compost to mulch the trees. Quddus Snyder stated that he approached the Selectmen in May about the trees and is still waiting for answers regarding the width of the road and the ditching that is damaging the trees. Greg Grinnell stated that the ditches are to keep the road from eroding and that filling them in with mulch defeats the purpose. Quddus Snyder stated that a reasonable way to save the trees is needed. Dick Fortin stated that the road is a 3-rod road and that it sits closer to one side of the right-of-way rather than the middle. Dick Fortin further stated that the Town road specifications call for an 18-foot travel way, 2-foot shoulders and associated ditch on either side. Quddus Snyder stated that the tree roots are damaged and there needs to be an answer about how to proceed. Quddus Snyder stated that the tires have been moved and questioned whether there are any other items to be addressed. John Schmerfeld suggested that when the Road Agent comes to review the posts, a discussion take place regarding the ditches and trees. Quddus Snyder stated that his dogs are farm dogs and that he plans to continue not tying them up. John Schmerfeld stated that the Town adopted this law at a Town Meeting. Quddus Snyder stated that the farm dogs are part of the farm that is on both sides of the road.

The Board reviewed information from NH Municipal Association regarding new laws for potential Warrant Articles at Town Meeting.

The Town of Conway submitted a Regional Impact Notice for development at 2251 White Mountain Highway in North Conway.

The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget and the revised revenues in anticipation of setting the tax rate.

The Board reviewed the Employment Policy: #6--The Town recognizes that an employee may become eligible for Medicare while still working. The Town may offer, on a case-by-case basis, such full-time employee a cash payment in lieu of insurance. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to authorize reimbursement for the Town Administrator's medical insurance as it is a significant cost savings to the Town in accordance with the Employment Policy. Motion unanimously carried.***

John Schmerfeld reminded the Board that HSEM will be conducting training on October 7th beginning at 2 pm.

Dick Fortin explained that Paul Nuccio has suggested that the water sampling at the beach start earlier in the season and that extra samples be taken during the summer. Dick Fortin noted that the Board should further discuss this proposal.

Dick Fortin suggested that the Board consider a cost share to replace a culvert on Glines Hill Road but recommend that the ditch remain open. Dick Fortin stated that according to the septic design plan on file, the leach field is in the area of where the culvert would be located. The Board discussed the possibility of designing a culvert replacement authorization form.

Dick Fortin noted that he reviewed the Vanasse property and suggested that the ditch be lined with stone rather than gravel.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the Non-Public Session on August 19, 2025. ***John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Monday, September 8, 2025 at Potter Road in Eaton. Present were Dick Fortin and John Schmerfeld. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

The Board met with Richard Mayo to address a complaint regarding brush cutting along Potter Road, a designated scenic road. The Board discussed the extent of the brush cutting along Snow Brook and Potter Road.

The Board discussed the issue of the proximity of Potter Road to Snow Brook at one location on the Mayo property. It was decided that no action to cut a large pine tree and move the road would take place until the Selectmen explored alternate options.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fortin

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