

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, September 16, 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 \$110,944.57 for 16 items. The Payroll Manifest was also reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of September 2 and 8, 2025. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board discussed their meeting with Dick Mayo regarding the proposed tree removal. John Schmerfeld noted that Dick Mayo was told that the Selectmen would look at other options. Dick Fortin noted that there are two separate issues: widening/straightening the road and putting in guard rails and hardening the bank. John Schmerfeld will contact NRCS to request a site visit to look at the situation.

The Board discussed possible items for discussion at the upcoming Joint Board meeting. The Board reviewed the proposed wetland amendment and the balance between protection and not infringing upon property owner rights. The Board discussed the issue of enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board also raised the issue of clarification to Article IV, Section 4 regarding the setback of items not requiring a Building Permit.

Ariana Rabish joined the Board via telephone to discuss the status of Youngs Road. Dick Fortin noted that all items in the deficiency letter to the property owners has been addressed and stated that the Selectmen focused on Zoning Ordinance violations. Ariana Rabish noted that the signs, toilets and sofa are still on the side of the road and that there is debris within the right of way. Dick Fortin stated that the property owner owns to the center of the road and that the Board focused on the travel way. Ariana Rabish questioned the garbage, debris and profanity in the road. Dick Fortin stated that Town Counsel advised the Board regarding first amendment rights. Ariana Rabish stated that the realty signs are illegal. John Schmerfeld stated that the signs are not real. Dick Fortin noted that Health Officer David Pandora performed a site visit and that the Selectmen are waiting for his report. Ariana Rabish stated that the Town has the right to address trash in the right of way as it is injurious to the neighborhood. Dick Fortin noted that the Board did address some items and that the tires, mattresses and manure bins have been removed. Ariana Rabish requested that the Selectmen take another drive on the road as more items have been placed along the road.

The Board reviewed information regarding newly-adopted State Statutes. The Board will pursue adoption of Keno prohibition and changing the term for Supervisors of the Checklist to 3 years.

The Board reviewed an email from Quddus Snyder regarding the granite posts and road drainage.

John Border submitted traffic information from the digital road signs.

The Board reviewed a request from NHDES for the Town to submit water test results for development of the 2026 Clean Water Act. It was noted that this request has been forwarded to Paul Nuccio.

HealthTrust advised that they will be holding Public Hearings on proposed bylaw changes.

The Board reviewed the final Legislative Bulletin submitted by NHMA.

The Board discussed culvert replacement and noted that NHMA Legal Counsel indicated that the Town should not be installing private culverts and that a letter should be sent to the property owner that the culvert should be replaced.

The Board reviewed the current Fee Schedule and will hold a Public Hearing on December 2nd to amend the fees.

Signature items included Yield Tax Warrants for David & Caroline Powers (R11-016-A) and Eugene Long (R11-002).

David Sorensen submitted a Building Permit application for a generator 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 #2025026).

MaryAnn & Ken Blatt submitted a Building Permit application for a Farmer's Porch at 135 Brownfield Road (U02-003). 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 #2025027).

Chris & Patty Pacewicz submitted a Building Permit application for a bathroom remodel at 17 Pond View Drive (R04-010-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 #2025028).

Eleanor Jenkins submitted a Building Permit application for a car port/goat shelter at 397 Towle Hill Road (R07-009). 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 #2025029).

John Schmerfeld explained that there are monthly EMD calls with HSEM but that this month's meeting will be held in person. John Schmerfeld noted that he will be attending this meeting.

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

The Board discussed the Grove and Town Beach and whether "No Camping" signs should be posted.

Dick Fortin discussed the ditch at the Vanasse property on Glines Hill Road and suggested lining the ditch with stone to keep the gravel off the lawn. The Board agreed that the existing tar apron does not appear to be an issue.

The Board discussed the replacement of non-conforming shed on Birch Hill Road and noted that the structure is larger in height and has overhangs that were not on the original building. The Board will send a letter to the property owner explaining the regulations pertaining to non-conforming structures.

The Board discussed property on Birch Hill Road that replaced siding and needs to be reminded to file for a Building Permit.

The Board discussed the possibility of adopting a Brush Cutting Policy. Dick Fortin stated that there should be three different standards according to roads: regular, scenic and where water abuts the road. The Board also discussed the possibility of adopting a Noise Ordinance.

Dick Fortin explained that he contacted Health Officer David Pandora regarding the Town Beach and noted that water samples have been taken. Further action will be determined by water test results.

At 6:00 pm, Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Motion carried by roll call vote (Greg Grinnell-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, John Schmerfeld-Yes).

At 6:27 pm, Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to leave non-public session. Motion carried by roll call vote (Greg Grinnell-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, John Schmerfeld-Yes). The Board reconvened public session at 6:27 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 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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