

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Greg Grinnell, Dick Fortin and John Schmerfeld. Also present was Dennis Sullivan. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$305,073.66 for 15 items.

Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to ratify the February 12, 2026 Payroll signed out of session. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 3 and 5, 2026. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

Signature items included correspondence, 2026 Warrant and the MS-636 Proposed Budget.

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

The Board reviewed an email from Cindy Hall and Mike Lane (Conway Recreation Director) regarding reporting of participation numbers. The Board agreed to have Mike Lane submit quarterly participation reports and that only registration numbers would be needed. It was also requested that the number of parking and ski passes be reported.

The Board reviewed Legislative Bulletins #6 and #7.

John Schmerfeld gave an update on the recent EMD meeting and status of local warming centers.

John Schmerfeld raised the topic of the Town of Madison's issue with personnel using Town equipment for personal use. Dick Fortin noted that the Town must be careful about appearance and perception. Dennis Sullivan stated that as a courtesy, the Town crew should push snow away from driveways after they are done plowing.

John Schmerfeld explained that he met with Tim Kelly of Eversource and that they are reviewing the number of fixtures so that billing issues can be resolved.

The Board discussed the hiring of personnel and will work on updating job descriptions and ads for the positions.

Dick Fortin stated that he spoke to Road Agent Heath regarding the use of salt and noted that he explained NHDOT could use less salt if applied differently. John Schmerfeld stated that Paul Nuccio has been reviewing and analyzing water test results.

Dick Fortin stated that the highway crew removed the dead ash trees from the Town Hall parking area and noted that the Board will have to come up with a plan for removing the dying ash trees.

Bill and Linda Barton met with the Board to discuss the procedure for granting a driveway easement to an abutter. Bill Barton indicated that he does not want to grant an easement for more than one residential home. It was noted that the Bartons could place a restriction on the easement. Dennis Sullivan noted that the Stewart Road property is steep and has wetlands which would make it difficult to subdivide further and due to the topography, the property owner will have to apply to the Planning Board for steep slope development approval, thereby notifying the abutters.

Dick Fortin gave an update on the Conservation Commission and explained that they have been working with Emily Lucy regarding the blueberry harvesting for this year.

Dick Fortin gave an overview of the Land Use Change Tax history and noted that 50% goes to the Conservation Commission to be placed within their land conservation fund.

At 5:10 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).

John Schmerfeld 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 5:35 pm.

Greg Grinnell made a motion, seconded by John Schmerfeld, to seal the Minutes because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely affect the reputation of an individual and the issues discussed are exempt under RSA 91-A:5. Motion carried by roll call vote (Greg Grinnell-Yes, Dick Fortin-Yes, John Schmerfeld-Yes).

John Schmerfeld made a motion, seconded by Greg Grinnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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