



Town of Effingham
Selectmen's Office
68 School Street
Effingham, New Hampshire 03882

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 1, 2022

Present: Chairman Fuller, Selectman Espie, Fire Chief Harmon, Town Administrator Fraizer, Administrative Assistant McWhirter and several members of the public.

Meeting available to the public via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fuller at 9:02am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes for February 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's non-public minutes for February 8 and February 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the manifest dated March 3, 2022, in the amount of \$16,906.72. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

Review of Mail:

- Zoning Hearing March 15, 2022, for a Special Exception for Contractor's Storage Yard
- NH DES Shoreland Permit Application received.
- NH DES Newsletter Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau
- Letter from Freedom Food Pantry with the 2021 total meals served to Effingham.

Administrator and Selectmen's Comments:

Town Administrator:

- Town Administrator Fraizer stated she sent the 2022 Road Contract to Evans Brothers and the Green Mountain Road paving contract to R & D Paving.
- Worked on 9 91-A requests from Mr. Cahalane, 1 from Mr. Bartowitz, 5 from Mr. Edwards and 1 from Ms. Ingerson.
- Town Administrator Fraizer supplied access on the computer out back to the Supervisors of the Checklist.
- Town Administrator Fraizer supplied written paperwork to the Treasurer about a timber bond. Worked with Lenharth to upgrade Quickbooks, she needs to contact Intuit.
- Waiting for a return phone call from Skip Lisle from Beaver Deceiver.

Selectman Espie:

- Bob's Tire is scheduled to pick up the tires on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.
- Selectman Espie reported a broken spare window behind the library.
- The board will discuss the format for town meeting on Monday, March 7th.
- The board will discuss the Zoning fees with Ms. Boyden during her monthly presentation.

Chairman Fuller:

- Chris Fournier from HEB has reviewed the bid proposals for Bailey Road culvert project and the contract with Dawson Excavation will be ready to sign after town meeting.
- *Chairman Fuller made a motion to sign the Boundary Annex Survey paperwork for the state of NH with no changes. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).*

Announcements:

- Town Meeting voting March 8, 2022, 11am to 7 pm at the Town Office
- Town Meeting continuation Saturday March 12, 2022, at 9am at the Elementary School

New Business:

- Fire Chief Harmon presented the board with an updated pay scale for the point system used to calculate Fire Department volunteer pay. He believes the new pay scale will encourage more participation in training and attending calls. *Chairman Fuller made a motion to accept the 2022 Point System pay scale. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).*
- Fire Chief Harmon congratulated Brandi Felix for obtaining her Firefighter 1 certification.
- Fire Harmon said he has been advertising for new recruits to join the department. He also mentioned he is looking to move closer to Effingham. He currently lives in Rochester.

Public Comment:

- Mike Cahalane has done some research on a funding grant through as part of the ARPA funds. The criteria for the grant is still being set. He was asked if he could leave any information about the grant with the office.
- A 91-A request was made for reports from the Health Officer. Mr. Cahalane will supply what is needed and considered public.
- Mr. Cahalane read the 91-A:1 Preamble “Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure both the greatest possible public access to the actions, discussions and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people.” He is asking for information he is requesting to be forthcoming in a timely manner.
- Leo Racine asked how many members were on the fire roster. Fire Chief Harmon said there are currently 10, only about 5 are active. He is looking to set up training classes and meetings to get more excitement in the department. He will be setting up training classes with Action Ambulance and hopefully other surrounding towns.

Non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

At 9:34am, Chairman Fuller made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c). The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed. Fuller (y), Espie (y)

At 10:05am, Chairman Fuller made a motion to come out of non-public session and return to the public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to seal this set of non-public minutes for 1 year. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

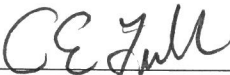
Per a recommendation from Fire Chief Harmon, Chairman Fuller made a motion to rehire Daniel Felix as a firefighter 1 and EMT to the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (2-0).

Fire Chief Harmon mentioned looking into upgrading the computer software for the department. Brad Stuart will continue to shovel the stations and not depend on the daytime fire staff.

Adjournment: At 10:15am, Chairman Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed.

Next Meetings: Board of Selectmen **Wednesday**, March 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene McWhirter



Charles Fuller

Dated: March 9, 2022

Thomas Hart



Leonard Espie

