



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
May 17, 2022

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectmen Kirkwood and Fuller, Town Administrator Fraizer, Administrative Assistant McWhirter and several members of the public.

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 9:00am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Signature folder:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's meeting minutes for May 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller and passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the (3) Selectmen's non-public meeting minutes for May 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller and passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the manifest date May 19, 2022, in the amount of \$312,297.61. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood and passed (3-0).

The Board approved and signed the following items:

- Solar tax exemption
- Tax Warrant
- Letter to Treasurer about ACH approval

Mail Folder:

- NH DES approval of timber harvest.

Administrator Comments and Selectmen's Reports

Town Administrator Fraizer:

- Town Administrator Fraizer worked with the auditors May 11, 2022 through May 13, 2022. A couple of items outstanding but overall, it went well.
- Coordinated silo removal.
- Town Administrator Fraizer is working to find the trustee of the estate for property on Bailey Road.
- Ms. Fraizer is calculating cost for Iron Works Road property owner to repurchase his property.
- Direct deposit paperwork has gone out to employees.
- Rescheduled modular reorganizing meeting to May 24th.

Selectman Kirkwood:

- Selectman Kirkwood reported that the weekend was so busy at the Transfer Station that there is no room to take anything else and that Waste Management told the supervisor they can't pick up until Friday. Town Administrator Fraizer also called Waste Management and

they agreed to try and get here before Wednesday. The board agreed to wait until Wednesday morning to see if the Transfer Station would open.

Selectman Fuller:

- Selectman Fuller attended the ongoing hearing in Superior Court.
- Selectman Fuller attended the funeral service for police secretary Maria Daugherty.
- Chris Garcia has installed a beaver gate on Town House Rd.
- Mike Stevens destroyed about 80% of the dams below the Snow Road Bridge, the water is down about a foot.
- Selectman Fuller worked with Diane Jurecki on an RFP for the Carroll County Broadband Committee.
- Historic Town House L-Chip Grant letter was sent yesterday for \$150,000. They will still be fundraising to make up the \$35,000 short fall. Chris Garcia is coordinating all the contractors for the work at the Historic Town House. Per the L-Chip Grant 2 proposals are needed for every item of the project.
- The Moose Plate Grant for \$10,000 is being applied for.
- Selectman Fuller and Mike Cahalane are working on a potential grant for the Bailey Road Project.
- There is a potential GOPPHER grant available. Town Administrator Fraizer will reach out to the Police and Fire Chiefs to see if they will be applying for it.
- Friends of Historic Town House is holding a plant sale.

Chairman Espie:

- The board will be looking into the NH DES infrastructure grant to see if it will apply to our proposed projects.
- Chairman Espie will review list of road signs to order.
- Calcium Chloride was placed on the roads yesterday.
- Evans Brothers began putting down cold patch on Pine River Road.

Announcements: Dog Registrations are overdue; fines are being applied.

Agenda Items:

- Avril Belisle appointment – did not attend

Public Comment:

- Mike Cahalane discussed some of the criteria for the NH DES Infrastructure grant and the need to get started on the process. The application is due July 1, 2022.
- Mike Cahalane supplied the name of another vendor to buy calcium chloride for the roads.
- Mike Cahalane discussed the possibility to apply for the matching USDA Grant that can be used for work at the Transfer Station. The board should look at immediate work and long term plan to put roofs over open containers and add sheds.
- Dave Garceau is pleased the Board will be looking at a grant and a long term plan for the Transfer Station.
- Dave Garceau suggested that town employees are in the kitchen listening to Non-public meetings. He believes they should be disciplined. Town Administrator will speak to all employees and the kitchen will be closed during the meetings.

- Dave Garceau does not agree that the board should be meeting every other week and if they are going to, they should think about cutting their stipend.
- Lawrence Edwards shared his concern with the amount of money being spent on legal fees involving a property that does not have a working septic or running water. There was no discussion.

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

Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 10:06 a.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller and passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of non-public 10:23 a.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller and passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to seal these minutes forever. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller and passed (3-0).

Adjournment: At 10:26am, Selectman Kirkwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Espie and passed (3-0).

Next Meetings: Board of Selectmen Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene McWhirter


Leonard Espie

Dated: May 24, 2022


Victoria Kirkwood

Charles Fuller

