



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
July 12, 2022

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Fuller, Selectman Kirkwood, Town Administrator Fraizer, Fire Chief Harmon, Zoning Enforcement Officer Boyden, and several members of the public.

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Signature folder:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's meeting minutes for June 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's non-public meeting minutes for June 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (3-0).

In the signature folder was the landfill monitoring contract with HEB. There were also two timber harvest yield tax reports.

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the manifest date July 14, 2022, in the amount of \$105,384.25. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (3-0).

Mail Folder:

- Notice of Zoning Violation
- GMCG - The Watershed News

Administrator Comments and Selectmen's Reports:

Town Administrator Fraizer

- Reported the IRS mileage rate has increased from \$.585 to \$.625.
- The July forecast was distributed. Since the end of June more property taxes were received, over 82% of the June tax bill has been collected.
- The Special Town Meeting on July 20th is all set.
- Town Administrator Fraizer asked about invoicing the three outstanding ZEO violations.
- A couple of audit items are still outstanding.

Selectman Fuller:

- Selectman Fuller acknowledged the Bailey Road easement had progress. The easement is of key importance because the work cannot progress until the easement is in place.
- Selectman Fuller made a motion to have Mike Cahalane be recertified as a Transfer Station Operator. This is to keep his lines of communication to the State open. With this expense Mr. Cahalane will also update the Transfer Station Operating Procedures. Mr. Cahalane stated the need to "speak the language" and is willing to help. Selectman Kirkwood is concerned that Mr. Cahalane had stated her concern with Mr. Cahalane had too much on his plate already.

Chairman Espie asked if it was a requirement to have an Operator License, Mr. Cahalane stated no but it kept his communications open. Chairman Espie and Selectman Kirkwood recalled the license had already expired. Mr. Cahalane stated he had spoken to the State and it doesn't expire until July 18th. Selectman Fuller made a motion to pay \$75.00 to have Mr. Cahalane's recertification renewed. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie. The motion passed (2-1)

- Selectman Fuller clarified his email of July 11th regarding the grant for Wilkinson Swamp Road was submitted earlier in July.
- HEB is submitting the two grants for Highwatch Road. HEB submitted some required forms for the grants. There were also two contract modifications which the Board will hold until they review the Budget to Actuals with the budget chairman. Selectman Fuller asked Town Administrator Fraizer to send HEB and him the Town's DUNS number.

Chairman Espie:

- The Board had reviewed the sign order and identified what to order.
- The crack sealing firm has used a full pallet just on Town House Road. He directed the firm to work on Green Mountain Road, a portion of Elm Street, and Snow Road. There was discussion about Town House Road.
- Chairman Fuller asked Mr. Cahalane about the calcium chloride, approximately 16K to 24K gallons would be the normal usage.

Announcements:

There is a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday July 20, 2022. To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1990. Majority vote required.
The Board of Selectmen's office will be closed Thursday July 14th.

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Harmon presented the department statistics in a new format. His goal is to have the reports on the website. The Board had a few questions that Chief Harmon clarified. There was specific discussion about a rekindle situation. Chairman Espie will check with Evans Brothers to see if their excavator can be available to prevent rekindles.

Call count is 235 year to date, 12% higher than last year.

The Fuel prices have skyrocketed and the department is limiting use. A WEX card has been set up and fuel prices will be evaluated.

Fire Chief Harmon presented a resume for a new hire. The Board approved the hire pending a background check. He will primarily cover Friday daytime coverage. Lenny made a motion to approve the hire. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood.

An emergency management trailer donated by the Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid Association is being used to store cots for emergencies. They requested the trailer back to be used in the Ossipee area as a HazMat trailer. Chief Harmon is recommending the trailer be returned. The department will clean the equipment in the trailer and define a solution to utilize it.

Chairman Espie asked about the use of the Engine One versus Engine Three. JT changed the process locations because Engine One has more capabilities and better gas.

Zoning Enforcement Officer:

Ms. Boyden presented her statistics from June. There were 20 permits issued. There was discussion about a few of the properties. The modular space has been reorganized.

Public Comment:

Vicki Garceau, Winter Road, announced the Effingham Neighborhood watch has their first meeting on July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Effingham Police Department will be presenting. They will describe how to do a proper description of an event.

Mike Cahalane, Hobbs Road, spoke about the 2018 Emergency Management Plan will need to be updated in 2023. The Plan is very important for grant awards.

On the Transfer Station Operating Plan, the new permits are not as limited.

He also asked about office space for Health Officer.

He also asked for copies of the correspondence between the Town Administrator and DES on the transfer station oil permit.

Mr. Tim Murphy, Green Mountain Road, welcomed Chief Harmon. He also asked about the burden of the ambulance calls to High Watch activity on the Town. Selectman Fuller explained the contract the Town has with the facility. The facility does reimburse the Town for calls to their facility. His second issue is the traffic, the vans are speeding. The Board asked the residents to call dispatch so a pattern is defined. Mr. Murphy asked for speed controls on the road.

Dave Garceau, Winter Road, asked about compensation for police and fire. Selectman Fuller said it's part of their tax payer privilege.

Non-Public:

Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) with Administrator Fraizer at 5:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to return to public session at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (3-0).


The minutes were not sealed.


Adjournment: At 6:02 p.m. Selectman Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Fraizer


Leonard Espie

Dated: July 26, 2022


Charles Fuller


Victoria Kirkwood

