



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectmen Fuller, Town Administrator Fraizer, Fire Chief Harmon 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 work session minutes for September 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's work session minutes for September 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the manifest dated September 22, 2022, in the amount of \$112,950.14. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (2-0).

Mail Folder:

- Health Trust public hearing notice.
- Green Mountain Conservation Group notice of various events.
- State of New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land appeals notification of denial.

Administrator Comments and Selectmen's Reports:

Town Administrator Fraizer

- Town Administrator Fraizer needs approval of the MS-535. The Board approved it.
- The office assistant gave her notice. The hope is to have the bookkeeper come in two days per week and get another assistant for the other two days.
- Town Administrator Fraizer is meeting with the Health Officer and his Deputy on Thursday to go over the computer and filing.
- Meeting with Budget Chairman to review his questions on the Budget to Actual Report.
- Selectman Fuller asked about the backup process for the computer in the back office. He asked about getting a Wi-Fi extender for the office.

Selectman Fuller

- Selectman Fuller said the Historic Town Hall Powderpost Beetle repairs are underway. The damage is more extensive than initially thought. The additional repairs require a change order to the contract with Cobalt Construction in the amount of \$28,549.62. All of the money is coming out of the grant money for the Town Hall and will not affect taxes. The extensive work is extending the project. The new contract total is \$152,842.49. Selectman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the change order. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie, the motion passed (2-0)

- Selectman Fuller spent time on the Adult and Child Recreation Agreement with the Town of Ossipee. Next is a review with Ossipee. After that he will send to the BoS for their review, the next review will be PRIMEX, and a final review by NHMA.
- An email was received from Waste Management regarding having a discussion about a surcharge for transportation. The Town's representative Peter Lachapelle will make an appointment with the BoS.
- The Transfer Station Operating Plan needs a discussion but Selectman Fuller will wait until Selectman Kirkwood is available.
- The Effingham Police Department had a leak in their office ceiling. Cobalt Construction Management looked at it. It is rotting but they were able to patch it for the short term.

Selectman Espie

- Chairman Espie received a call from Melissa Seaman who represents a group looking for affordable housing in the area. The County has several job opportunities but applicants can't find housing. There is an opportunity to have an apartment (ADU) attached to a residence at no cost. It would be used as a model for other homeowners, they are looking for homeowners interested in the opportunity.

- In a prior meeting there was conversation about the logging on Town property. A letter was received from the Town Forester. Chairman Espie read the first paragraph

“It has recently come to my attention that there is some controversy surrounding the harvesting of timber at the transfer station. I understand that there is a rumor circulating that the town is not receiving any money for the wood that is being harvested. I'm not sure where that narrative originated, but is certainly not true. When the job is complete, and all of the wood is accounted for, the town will be receiving many thousands of dollars. A simple phone call or email from interested parties could have cleared that concern up quickly.”

The letter goes on to talk about the quantity of wood harvested and the damage from storms. It was requested the letter be put online. The Selectmen felt it was a reasonable request for a period of 30 days.

New Business

- The agreements came in for salt from both Morton Salt and Eastern Minerals. Both are signed and the road contractor draws from each of them as availability allows. There were two agreements from Morton Salt. The one with delivery to the Transfer Station is not applicable. Selectman Fuller made a motion to sign the two agreements, one with Morton Salt and one with Eastern Minerals. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie, the motion passed (2-0).
- There was an application for an Outdoor Event for the Friends of Effingham Library and the Effingham Preservation Society to hold a street dance from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on October 15, 2022 with a rain date of October 16, 2022. There will be a live band and food trucks to raise awareness of the Historical Town Hall. The fee was waived because the event is being held by a non-profit.

Public Comment

Mike Cahalane gave Chairman Espie the contract with Jeff Libby, the Town Forester. Mr. Cahalane speculated that the Town Forester didn't renegotiate the contract in March due to the price of oil. Mr. Cahalane suggested he approach the BoS with a percentage of the market value. Town Administrator Fraizer will ask the Town Forester to come in to negotiate a new contract.

Mr. Cahalane was also concerned with the shouldering of Green Mountain Road. Chairman Espie has been in contact with the road contractor.

Dave Garceau asked the Board about the boat storage on Green Mountain Road. Chairman Espie spoke with the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Per the resident, the boats are privately owned. Mr. Garceau is concerned it has not come before the Planning Board. The resident has hired someone to represent him at the Planning Board. Mr. Garceau said the Planning Board requested a cease-and-desist order be issued.

Mr. Garceau asked about the new RV on Green Mountain Road. The owner told the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) no one is living in it. Mr. Garceau cited several infractions. Chairman Espie said the ZEO is working on it.

Mr. Garceau brought up that the demolition along the river on Route 153 doesn't appear to have a permit. Chairman Espie reported there was a permit.

Vicki Garceau asked if there is anything the Town can do to get rid of the pink signs on Town House Road. Selectman Fuller replied there is nothing the Town can do.

Leo Racine asked about the culvert repair on Libby Road. Chairman Espie replied that the Town is reviewing the road budget.

Mr. Cahalane said the Town will need mapping of the Transfer Station. He said HEB would be available to do maps. Mr. Cahalane mentioned the Transfer Station closure plan is still necessary. Town Administrator Fraizer recommended Mr. Cahalane come in and look at the Transfer Station documents. Selectman Fuller said he would reach out to HEB to find out about assistance with the grant. There was agreement that the Transfer Station Committee to come before the BoS to present what they recommend, to the Town.

Mr. Cahalane also said the Wilkinson Swamp Road culvert grant award will be made in November.

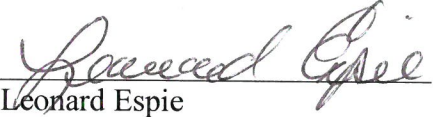
At 5:07 Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) with Town Clerk Amaral and Town Moderator Pitman. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller, the motion passed (2-0).

Selectman Fuller made a motion to come out of non-public at 5:20. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie, the motion passed (2-0).

The minutes will not be sealed.

Selectman Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 5:27. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie. The motion passed (2-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Fraizer


Leonard Espie

Dated: October 18, 2022


Charles Fuller


Victoria Kirkwood