



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectmen Kirkwood and Fuller, Town Administrator Fraizer and Budget Chairman Strauss

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

At 3:32 Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) with Police Chief Duchesne. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller. The motion passed (3-0).

At 3:59 Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of non-public. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood. The motion passed (3-0).

The Board voted to seal the minutes forever (3-0).

The Board reviewed their folders followed by the pledge of allegiance.

At 4:30 the bids for the Elm Street Paving projects were opened.

- Pike Industries \$322,678.10, handwork \$3,700.00
- All-State Construction \$320,725.98, handwork \$4,400
- GMI \$297,537.30, handwork \$3,200
- R&D Paving \$290,394.96, handwork \$3,500

Town Administrator Fraizer will tabulate the bids and send them to each firm. The Board will discuss the bids in a future work session.

Signature Folder:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Work Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller. The motion passed (3-0).

Other things in the signature folder included:

- A property tax abatement,
- A corrected manifest for May 19, 2022,
- A letter to the DMV for the new Town Clerk,
- A tax warrant to assign the balance of taxes due to the new Tax Collector,
- And, a contract with the Lakes Region Humane Society.

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated January 12, 2022 in the amount of \$132,729.26. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood. The motion passed (3-0).

Mail Folder:

A notice of DES Violation regarding shoreland protection complaint.

Administrator and Selectman Reports:**Town Administrator Fraizer**

Reminders were sent to committees for the reports.

Supporting the new Tax Collector / Town Clerk.

QuickBooks is up to date; Lisa is doing a fabulous job.

She is working on the warrants.

Selectman Fuller:

Selectman Fuller is scheduled to meet with the Road Contractor, Ron Evans and Chris Garcia of Champion Hill Road at 7:00 on Saturday morning to discuss the road runoff onto Mr. Garcia's property.

Selectman Fuller noted the Broadband Warrant Language couldn't be finalized until the final two Towns vote to participate.

Selectman Fuller confirmed that Town Administrator Fraizer had the thank you letter for Cobalt Construction on her action items. She asked for a template from the previous year which Selectman Fuller said he would try to locate.

Chairman Espie:

Chairman Espie reported that Smith Family Tree completed three full days of tree cleanup were complete. Approximately another half to a full day will be necessary. The Board supported having him complete the work. Selectman Kirkwood reported she has received several complaints about last storm not getting cleared up.

Chairman Espie discussed trees in the right-of-way on Bailey Road; a property owner was willing to take down. The Board support them clearing.

Chairman Espie asked Town Administrator Fraizer to complete the street sign order.

Announcements:

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Civil Rights Day.

The Budget Committee will have their Public Hearing on February 8th 2023

Selectman Fuller reported that the library floor is done and a volunteer crew are painting the walls and trim in preparation of a February 1, 2023 opening.

The open positions for Elections has been posted.

At 4:48 Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) with Fire Chief Harmon. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller. The motion passed (3-0).

At 5:05 Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of non-public. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fuller. The motion passed (3-0).

The Board voted to seal the minutes for six months (3-0).

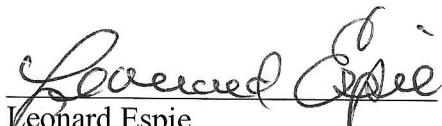
The Fire Chief asked about the Fire Truck trust fund and if there could be a warrant article to change it to say "Fire Vehicles". He was asking because the Forestry Vehicle is going to need to be replaced and if the trust fund included vehicles other than "Fire Trucks" then it would help in applying for grants.

The Fire Chief reported that Dan Felix is working on a grant for the Dry Hydrants.

The Fire Chief also discussed his vehicle having rust and a knock in the motor. He asked the board about having the retired police cruiser and the fire chief's vehicle compared for repairs and life span. He will use Whiting's Automotive as they are familiar with the cruiser.

Selectman Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 5:25. The motion was seconded by Chairman Espie. The motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Fraizer


Leonard Espie

Dated: February 7, 2023


Charles Fuller


Victoria Kirkwood