



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2022

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

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Board reviewed their weekly packets. Bethany Bouchard was sworn in as the new Tax Collector / Town Clerk.

At 4:30 the Board continued with the board meeting

Signature Folder:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's non-public minutes of December 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0).

A tax abatement was also approved.

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve and sign the manifest dated December 29, 2022, in the amount of \$363,046.83. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0). The major expense was a payment to Dawson Excavating for Bailey Road Bridge was in excess of \$275K.

Mail Folder:

There was a Year-to-Date recycling activity report from NRRA in the mail folder.

Administrator and Selectmen's Reports:

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Fraizer commented on the Budget to Actual year to date report and cash status.

The Town Hall had been hit by the power outage. Town Administrator Fraizer had to restore the internet, network, phones and security cameras.

Selectman Kirkwood:

Selectman Kirkwood reported that Bill Wrabel put the guards up at metal and glass container at the Transfer Station.

Selectman Fuller:

Selectman Fuller has been working with HEB and Mike Cahalane on the grant for culverts. The paperwork should be in order soon.

The Historic Town Hall floor is curing. The painting will happen in a couple of weeks. Selectman Fuller is working on the documentation of the project to submit to LCHIP for the final payment.

Cobalt Construction submitted a report of his volunteer hours. Selectman Fuller made a motion to thank Mr. Garcia for his time. Chairman Espie seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Espie:

Chairman Espie asked Town Administrator Fraizer about the process with verifying the students. She has contacted the school district for a current list.

Chairman Espie asked Town Administrator Fraizer about selling the fire and police vehicles, she is still waiting for the mileage on the cruiser

Selectman Espie announced the amount of the Meals and Rooms Tax and confirmed there was still no word on the Bridge money from the State.

Chairman Espie spoke with Road Contractor about clearing roads. Chairman Espie asked the Board what they thought about using Smith Tree Service. The Board was in agreement.

The weather has not been kind to Effingham this year. Fire Chief Harmon will be reporting storm expenses to FEMA and needs to know the man hours and materials from the Road Contractor. Chief Harmon will be receiving forms to complete for the storm(s).

Business:

Budget Committee Chairman Strauss said he had answered the first four questions he had on converting the fire vehicle to an ambulance. The questions ranged from usage to life span.

Chairman Espie asked how long the license for the ambulance is valid. Chief Harmon responded "it's a two-year license". Chief Harmon felt there is no cost to maintain the existing ambulance as outfitted.

There was a question about transporting being approved by the Board of Selectman. Chief Harmon said as a certified ambulance a transport is not an option, they will have to transport if necessary. Mr. Strauss said the Chief had put the BoS in box because if the ambulance was transporting the Town would not have fire coverage. Chairman Espie explained it would be no different than if they were on another call. There was discussion about mutual aid, there is not a concern because there are several situations that could put the response in the same situation.

Mr. Strauss asked the Board of Selectmen if they were going to set up a trust fund for a future replacement. The Board will review for 2024.

Chief Harmon confirmed the Board of Selectmen that they were in approval of transporting is necessary if Action was not available.

Announcements:

The Transfer Station will be closed Sunday, January 1st

Public Comment

Dave Strauss asked if Town Administrator Fraizer had the status of the Fire grants. She confirmed they had been submitted and does not know when they will be processed.

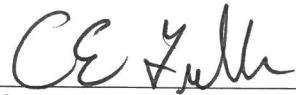
Mr. Strauss also mentioned the Town Administrator should send the old list of students to a couple folks to review. She will.

Selectman Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 5:16. The motion was seconded by Selectman Kirkwood, the motion passed (3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Fraizer


Leonard Espie

Dated: January 3, 2022


Charles Fuller


Victoria Kirkwood

