



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

**Board of Selectmen's Minutes**  
**June 13, 2023**

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Seamans, Selectman Racine, Town Administrator Fraizer and Administrative Assistant Michelle Couris and several members of the public

Chairman Espie called the meeting order at 4:00 pm.

At 4:31 Chairman Espie had the public join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Police K9**

Sergeant Eldridge informed the Board that Zeus was not performing at a level that would allow him to serve as a K9 for the department. Thursday afternoon he was removed from the program. An agreement has been made to get a refund from the kennel in Germany. Proceeds from the purchase would be applied toward a dog from Henniker, NH. This dog was tested by the trainer from Florida. She has a higher drive.

Sergeant Eldridge also identified a buyer for K9 Zeus. He will be used to breed dogs for Veteran's Service Dogs. Chairman Espie motioned to sell Zeus for \$2,500. Selectman Seamans seconded. The motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to purchase Jessie, the Shepherd from Henniker. The motion was seconded by selectman Seamans. The motion passed (3-0).

**Police**

Chief Duchesne reviewed his monthly statistics for April and May. Chief Duchesne reminded the public to be vigilant and cautious during this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bike week as well as summertime approaching.

**Fire**

Chief Harmon reviewed his monthly statistics for April and May. Numbers are down from 2022 at this time. He discussed that training classes being taken as well as certification for fire inspection. There is a need for billing the treatment center for ambulance.

**Review of Signature Folder:**

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve minutes of May 30, 2023. Selectman Racine seconded motion. Selectman Seamans abstained. The motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie motioned to approve \$5,000 manifest. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve manifest in the amount of \$484,927.98. Selectman Seamans seconded. The motion passed (3-0).

**Review of Mail Folder:**

Chairman Espie reviewed the mail folder it included the 2022 Cyclical Monitoring Report from the State.

**Jolly Roger Appointment**


Susan Russo inquired about dump stickers for Jolly Roger Village. She was unclear as to why there was no longer a list for the community to come and pick up their dump sticker claiming all are cottage and there are no RVs. Mike Watkins, President of Jolly Roger Village Cottage Community, clarified that the buildings are resident owned, land is rented. In the past the town office would have a list of property owners for them to come and purchase their transfer station stickers. There are 51 cottages in this community of which 40+ are being used. Jolly Roger Trust owns the campground and taxes are paid by them to the town. Jolly Roger in turn bills the cottage owners' taxes individually. Administrator Fraizer to look at the history. Mike Watkins said they get demolition dumpsters every 2 to 3 years to encourage the cottage owners to purge. Selectman Racine requested a copy of the list of cottage owners. Administrator Fraizer questioned why taxes are being paid through the trust. Mr. Watkins claimed the town initiated this many years ago. Selectman Racine recommended a list of owners being provide to the town annually.

**Town Administrator:**

Administrator Fraizer explained that the DRA wrote that a special meeting for veterans. Michelle Couris was introduced to the BOS and the public as the Administrative Assistant.

Police Chief Duchesne has hired a personal assistant, Christopher Canney.

**Selectman Seamans:**

Huchins Road is being ~~grated~~ . Granite Road, Simon Hill Road, and Bonnyman Road are on the schedule. A culvert needs to be replaced near Remmick Road. Holding off on the sweeping.

Roadside mowing, main roads only to be done as most of the side roads need cleanup of trees before mowing.

There has been one application of Calcium Chloride at a cost of \$7k. At a minimum, Huntress Bridge Road and Plantation Road need to be done. Based on the budget and the expense of \$1.40 per gallon, the Town has to determine what can be done.

Work is being done at 44 Moody Road. There was culvert damage due to the rainstorm.

Removal of limbs at 55 Pine River Road will be addressed on Friday.

Selectman Seamans met with GMI, Jeff Perry, they will be paving Bailey Road, however, if it can wait until Elm St. is done it would be less expensive. It was the consensus of the Board to just get Bailey Road completed.

There is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion on Monday, June 26th. Selectman Seamans to present certificates.

**Selectman Racine:**

Jason Earl would like to photograph Lords Hill Tavern for the preservation society. Only one person will be allowed due to liability. The preservation society will keep the property mowed.

The Budget to Actual: actual expenditures are high for this time of year, 44.5%. Dave Strauss, Budget Chairman, said the operations budget is currently over, if it goes up higher the Selectmen need to be cautious. There is a Budget Committee meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Racine stressed the need to get the winter Snow Plowing RFP out as soon as possible. Selectman Seamans has house numbers.

The Board scheduled a work session Friday June 16 at 9am to finalize the Snow Plowing RFP, draft contract, the Road Maintenance RFP and the Winter Weather Policy..

**Chairman Espie:**

Two used barrels of oil were taken from Parsonsfield Road and brought to the Transfer Station. Clean Harbors was called in 2022 regarding the barrels. They were supposed to come and retrieve, they never came. Mark Bussiere refused the two barrels at the transfer station; the town no longer accepts oil. It was decided to let the barrels be dropped off at the transfer station otherwise they would be put back on the side of the road and be a Town issue anyway, everyone agreed.

**ZEO Report:**

House on Town House Road needs permit for a deck, approximately 170

At 6:01 p.m. Chairman Espie made a motion to go into Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) negotiation of pending claims. The motion was seconded by Selectman Seamans. The motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Seamans left the meeting to attend the Planning Board Hearing.

At 6:44 p.m. Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of non-public Selectman Racine seconded the motion. The motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to seal the minutes for six months. Selectman Racine seconded the motion. The motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Racine seconded the motion. The motion passed (2-0)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Couris

  
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Lenny Espie

Dated: June 27, 2023

  
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Chris Seamans

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Leo Racine