

# Town of Effingham Selectmen's Office

68 School Street Effingham, New Hampshire 03882

### Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

**Present:** Chairman Espie, Selectmen Racine and Seamans, Town Administrator Fraizer, Town Clerk Curtis and several members of the public

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

#### Signature Folder:

In the folder was a letter to excavate, a letter to NH Dept of Safety to inform Allen Curtis is new Town Clerk and temporary occupancy for 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling. Chairman Espie made a motion to adopt the use of a temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling while building a house. Selectmen Seamans seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

#### Approval of

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve manifest dated 07/13/2023 in the amount \$55,969.75, Selectmen Seamans seconded the motion. The motion passed and (3-0).

#### **Appointments:**

Police Chief Duchesne presented the June 2023 activity report.

Now that the summer season is here, there are more incidents reported.

Court cases last a long time, witnesses must be in for the long haul if you plan on filing a complaint or cases get dismissed.

Introduction of Police Administrative Assistant Chris Canney, who will be working 12 hours a week, 3 days a week, 2 mornings/1 evening.

**Fire** Chief Harmon presented the June 2023 activity report.

DES looking for applications for reimbursement for flooding December 2022. Will begin gathering documentation.

#### Zoning Enforcement Officer Rebecca Boyden reviews June activity.

Selectmen Seamans asks about travel trailers and what the regulations are on those. Specifically asking about a notice given on trailer (Elm St), owner was airing out the camper. Selectmen Racine asks about Libby Rd driveway permit. Discussion on RV's and waste disposal, Health Officer is informed of permits for RVs, so he is aware.

Selectmen Racine presented an email from NHMA legal regarding Town employees going onto private properties, permission is required. Selectmen Racine would like to make a motion that

permission is required by the property owner for the Zoning Officer to go on their property. Zoning Officer Boyden would like to take this to Non-Public.

Selectmen Seamans asked about 670 Town House Road, setting a precedent so everyone gets treated equally and to determine how to deal with those who do not comply with presented stipulations.

## 5:00pm Chairman Espie opened Public Hearing to open bids for Winter Plowing Season 2023-2026

**Chairman Espie** opened bids for winter road maintenance: Edwards Concrete and Excavation, season 2023 -2026. Season from Nov – April each year, \$257K, Season 2 \$263K, Season 3 \$268K. Plowing only. Review of equipment.

#### **Business:**

Outdoor Event Approval - Selectmen Seamans made a motion to approve the outdoor event application for the Preservation Society and Chairman Espie seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

Advertisement for Town Administrator – Administrator Fraizer went over the advertisement for the position. It will be posted NHMA and Indeed.

#### **Board of Selectmen Reports**

#### Chairman Espie

Questioned if Administrator had heard from Clean Harbor and if any monies have been received for the K9. Town Administrator is not aware that any money has been received yet and will email Clean Harbor. Discussed oil containers and building leaking.

Chairman Espie asked about the bond for Dawson. Town Administrator Fraizer confirmed it is in place.

#### Selectmen Seamans

Discussed the roads and potholes and those areas will be skim coated. Weather permitted to fix, and repairs have been done on washed out roads. He checked out Libby Road and asked them to cease work until they came before board. Nothing has changed. Still monitoring Bailey Road for potholes. Question on how the beaver trapper is paid.

#### Mail Folder:

Chairman Espie mail folder reviewed, which included a newsletter from USLC transportation study, a complaint from a resident on Libby Road due to gravel washing into driveway.

Work Session next week on Tuesday, July 18 @ 12:30 pm. Employee non-public.

Town Administrator Fraizer has given notice, her last full day is July 25, summer roads are a priority. Get bid paperwork ready for Ryefield Rd. Discussion on where job will be posted.

#### **Public Comment**

Vicki Kirkwood was looking at the road maintenance contract and is concerned some of the contract is not being fulfilled by the contractor. Such as removing roadkill from the road and Chairman Espie explained he has done this in the past. Selectmen Seamans explained how much work must be done with the road washouts and due to that, some things are overlooked, and, in the future, they need to do more policing.

Leon from 335 Green Mtn Road asked if Effingham Road by Huckins Pond has been grated yet and how often it is done. Selectmen Seamans stated it has been done but not sure of the condition due to rain. Discussed qualifying for FEMA due to storms and road damage. Maybe in future we need to focus on road maintenance to help with these issues.

Dave Strauss questioned if any notices have gone out to departments regarding the operating budget spending limit and has it gone out. Selectmen Seamans says one has gone out to the roadside budget. Mr. Strauss reminded them that RFPs would need to go out early August if it is decided to do any road work and please cc the budget committee. Selectmen Racine asked if Administrator Fraizer can send them out. Mr. Strauss asked Administrator if the manifest has been fixed and it went down a penny.

#### Non-Public

At 6:00 pm Chairman Espie made a motion to go into non-public RSA 91-A:3, II(a). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Seamans. The motion passed (3-0).

#### Adjournment

Selectmen Seamans made a motion to adjourn, and Selectmen Racine seconded the motion. The motion was passed (3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard Espie

Chris Seamans

Leo Racine

Dated:

8/22/22

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