



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

Present – Chairman Espie, Selectmen Seamans, Selectmen Racine, Town Administrator Audrey Frazier and several members of the public.

Chairman Espie called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the manifest dated July 25, 2023, in the amount of \$47.88. The motion was seconded by selectman Racine. The motion passed (2-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the manifest dated July 27, 2023, in the amount of \$847,579.80. Chairman Espie noted that \$655,000.00 was the school. The motion was seconded by Selectman Racine. The motion passed (2-0).

Review of Mail:

The mail folder contained watershed news and an NRRA recycle report.

Signature folder:

No items in folder

Administrator Comments and Selectmen's Reports

Town Administrator

Administrator Fraizer stated the Board needs to choose a date to meet with a potential road contractor. A time frame was discussed, and she will contact the contractor to confirm.

Administrator Fraizer stated the invoices for Evans were sent out for reimbursement. Chairman Espie asked what the dates were for the invoices.

Administrator Fraizer stated she will be in one afternoon a week and available for phone calls.

Selectmen Seamans

Selectmen Seamans stated that the Rumney Hill Road and Snow Road should be completed today.

Molly Philbrick Road to summer cottages still needs some repairs and will remain closed. There are a couple of other roads that need to be addressed. Given the depth of the problem, the roads will be addressed based on traffic volume.

Selectmen Seamans made the Town aware that Wilkinson Swamp Road work is related to a State Grant. The culverts held but the road is still impassable.

Mr. Chuck Fuller asked if the Board would allow the Carroll County Communication District meetings. Secondly, Mr. Fuller said a citizen volunteered to donate and install exterior cameras at the library. The Board asked who would have access. Selectman Seamans asked if Mr. Fuller would like to have access to the cameras. Selectman Racine asked about the LCHIP grants and if they approved the cameras. Mr. Fuller said it isn't necessary because the cameras will be mounted inside the building. Mr. Fuller also asked about keeping his Town email address. The Board approved all three items.

Appointments:

Janice Brooks provided an overview of "End 68 Hours of Hunger". She introduced Patty Morrissey, principal of the Effingham Elementary School. Ms. Morrissey provided a more extensive description of the program. It recently became known that this would no longer be provided. The distribution is done through the GWRSD. Approximately 10% of the families in the school have received assistance. Ms. Brooks described the mission of the organization, "End 68 Hours of Hunger". The estimate cost of food for the 2022/2023 school year is \$81,440. The Budget Chairman explained the process to being approved in Effingham, a petition Warrant Article is required. The organization has been in the school district for ten years. Every year has been better, having more support from the communities.

Announcements

Chairman Espie stated there will be a special town meeting tonight at 6pm, for a couple warrant articles and housekeeping.

Public Comment

Katherine Fraser, 34 West Ridge Road needs a culvert. Selectmen Seamans will look at the culvert.

Steve Regal asked about the schedule to repave Elm Street. Mr. Regal asked what the next project is. Chairman Espie informed Mr. Regal that Ryefield Road is the next project. To complete Pine River Road would take a study and the Board anticipates it will take a bond. Mr. Regal feels the Board should consider Drake and Jones Roads. Mr. Regal feels they have more traffic than Ryefield. Selectmen Seamans said the Town must stop trying to fix tomorrow's road issues with today's money. He feels the Town should have a bond that covers multiple roads.

Vickie Kirkwood asked about the missing meeting minutes on the town website. Administrator Fraizer explained with her retirement they are behind but have hired someone to assist in getting caught up. When the minutes are approved, they will be on the website.

Blair Folts asked if the Board would consider meeting later. The Board is not going to change the times. The MEENA findings, number 12, was on the Notice of Decision. The minutes states the Board approved underground storage tanks. Town Administrator Fraizer explained she has spoken to Town Counsel, based on his advice she followed up with the former Selectmen and found that the statement is not in the minutes. Ms. Folts asked if that would be removed from the legal document. Administrator Fraizer will pass the information on to the Town Counsel. Selectmen Seamans explained at the last meeting o when the decision facts were read that Chris Boldt stated that the information was based on minutes and statements. Selectmen Racine suggested going back to the Planning Board as explained by Chuck Fuller.

Ms. Folts also wanted to know if Mr. Boldt should be paid by the applicant. The Planning Board should be charging the applicant for engineering and legal fees.

Corey Lane, Porter, Maine asked about the response to her FOIA. Town Administrator Fraizer will respond.

Ms. Folts asked about the letter from the Attorney and if the Selectmen are aware of a drinking water protection area.

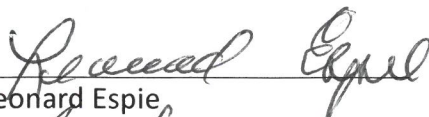
Dave Strauss asked about the Budget to Actual. He is concerned about the operating budget RSA 32. He would like the spending email formalized for the departments. Mr. Strauss also would like the Board of Selectmen to include the Budget Committee for any bonds for road repair.

Linda Edwards showed gratitude for the cleanup of trash.


Adjourn

At 5:47 p.m. Selectmen Seamans made a motion to adjourn, and Selectmen Racine seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

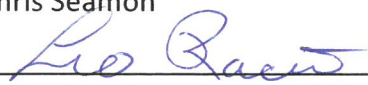
Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Fraizer
Town Administrator



Leonard Espie



Chris Seamon



Leo Racine

Dated:

8/22/23

