



Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes August 22nd, 2023

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Seamans, Selectman Racine, Town Administrator Fraizer, Administrative Assistant Caitlyn Pitts, and several members of the public.

Call to Order: Chairman Espie called the meeting to order. Chairman Espie motioned to move meeting into Non-Public under RSA 91-A-3 2c. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of Non-Public, seconded by Selectmen Racine. Motion passed (3-0).

Regular meeting reconvened at 4:18 pm

Chairman Espie started the Pledge of Allegiance

Signature Folder: Chairman Espie review the signature folder which contained the MS-1, 3 Intents to Cut, and 1 Veterans Exemption.

Approval of: Chairman Espie made motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 27th, 2023. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 11th, 2023. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 25th, 2023. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 18th, 2023. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie made motion to approve the Manifest dated August 24th, 2023, in the amount of \$560,338.34. Selectman Seamans seconded. Motion passed (3-0)

Review of Mail: Chairman Espie reviewed the mail which contained a claim from Progressive for a fence damaged due to a snowplow. Espie investigated the fence and determined it wasn't a snowplow, the Board received a bill for the whole fence. Chairman Espie made a motion to refuse payment, seconded by Selectman Racine. Motion passed (3-0). The Progressive claim/bill will be sent to PRIMEX.

Board of Selectman Reports: Selectman Seamans made announcements regarding work starting on Elm Street, brush on the side of the road will be picked up, and road grading has started.

Selectman Seamans had addressed a need for a culvert located on West Range Road and determined a culvert would not work but the Town will redirect the water when grading.

Chairman Espie discussed meeting and receiving a quote from Clean Harbors for the waste oil and old oil containers from the Transfer Station. The final proposal of \$3,090.24 to the removal

of two barrels of oil. Chairman Espie made a motion to spend \$3,090.24, seconded by Selectman Racine. Motion passed (3-0)

Chairman Espie questioned if money has been received from Germany for the K9. Town Administrator Fraizer confirmed it has not been received.

Announcements:

Chairman Espie announced offices will be closed Labor Day, September 4th.

Selectman Seamans reviewed copies of the quote of the Street signs that were purchased.

Public Comment: Chuck Fuller, Snow Road, mentioned the Historic Town Hall project qualifies for a Clean Energy Fund and energy audit. It is a \$5200 grant; the Fund will pay 75% and the Historical Town Hall Project to pay 25%. The contract is with Town and Mr. Fuller suggested the Board make a motion to approve the audit. Chairman Espie made a motion to approve, seconded by Selectman Racine. Motion passed (3-0)

Resident Victoria Garceau, Winter Road, thanked Chairman Espie for taking time out of the day to cut the grass on the side of the road.

Resident Mike Cahalane, Hobbs Road, brought up the audio quality of Board Meetings and not being able to locate minutes after May 26th. He recommended that Minutes be available weekly and getting a better system for meeting video recordings.

Resident Chuck Fuller of Snow Road had explained the conversation with a company in Wolfeboro for professional video recordings with a Town channel for residents to watch. The Board stated it is something to research.

Resident Chuck Fuller brought up experience at the monthly Carroll County Communications District for Broadband. Jeff McIver confirmed Effingham is 1 out of 5 towns to receive \$40 million wiring grant. Engineering is 2 months behind. Town should get information soon to allow for a public meeting to discuss details.

Resident Chairman Espie has a call into Public Service regarding a couple of poles on Elm St to raise height from 35 to 45 feet.

Resident Steve Regal brought up concerns regarding a wire being held up by a broken branch on Jones Rd where Champion Hill and Town House come together and wants to know who to contact. Selectman Seamans mentioned the engineer for the area is aware.

Town Administrator Frazier had mentioned the contract for Spectrum is due to be renewed. Mr. Fuller didn't think they would renew any contracts.

Selectman Seamans announced the Ossipee Co-Op office is closing and restoration times could double, if not triple.

Appointments:

Susan Gaudette talked about an ongoing issue with the Town starting with a letter from the Code Enforcement officer stating the looks of building activity which may require a building permit. She explained that she had reached out to get clarification on the violation and had not been contacted. She clarified that the Town does not have a Building Inspector. Chairman Espie confirmed there would be a need for a building permit. Susan asked for clarification on the verbiage of 'alteration' and that the Board is able to adopt a building ordinance but has not done so.

Town Administrator Fraizer talked about the Zoning Ordinance RSA and stated she had talked to the Town Attorney.

Selectman Seamans stated the property was an obvious change from a camp to a year-round property from street view.

Town Administrator Frazier stated it's her understanding that a major change would require a building permit, and example would be a change that would alter the value of the home.

Susan Gaudette stated there is no building code and believes the Town has no authority to require a building permit.

Ms. Gaudette had brought up an experience of a Town Employee entering her property illegally.

Susan Gaudette showed the Board of Selectman a picture of the Tax Map Card showing the picture of the property. Selectman Seamans wanted clarification if there were No Trespassing signs at the time of the photograph shown on the Tax Map.

Mike Cahalane recollected that previously Town Officials had contacted the Residents prior to entering the property and asked for clarification. Chairman Espie stated if there is a No Trespassing sign they do not go on the property, if there is no sign they can knock, leave a notice, and exit the property and that there will be further discussion regarding Town Officials entering a property.

A resident asked the Board if Ms. Gaudette's fines will go away since her property was entered illegally. Chairman Espie had no comment at this time and would like to further discuss with Legal.

Rose Maire Wissenbach, referring to Selectman Seamans previous conversations and asked how to get rid of the some of the ordinances that have been voted in and would like to see the ordinances changed. Chairman Espie announced there would be no answer at this time and would like to discuss with Legal. A resident had asked if the Board will update the Town with the outcome.

Mike Cahalane recommended that the RSA of the violation to be listed on the violations when they are sent out.

Adjournment: Selectman Racine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Seamans. The motion passed (3-0)

The Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Lenny Espie, Chairman

Chris Seamans, Selectman

Leo Racine, Selectman