



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

Board of Selectmen's Minutes
November 28, 2023

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Racine, Selectman Seamans, Administrative Assistant Pitts

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

Chairman Espie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$98,011.03, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Mandatory Contractor minutes dated November 14, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Vehicle Work Session minutes dated November 14, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 14, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Announcements:

Administrative Assistant Pitts announces the Board of Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector office will be closed, November 30, 2023, for training.

Selectmen Reports:

Selectman Seamans asks if there has been further discussion on weekly payroll. Administrative Assistant Pitts explains there was concern direct deposit would need to be approved in a timely manner and an increased cost to the Town to go weekly. Chairman Espie recommends having a discussion with all involved.

Selectman Seamans addresses concerns from the snowstorm and states the Board will be talking with the Winter Road Contractor.

Business:

Chairman Espie made a motion to award the Summer Road Contract to Evans Brothers starting January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026, seconded by Selectman Racine. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to award the Ryefield Road Contract to GMI Asphalt for \$206,356.50, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Budget Committee Chair Strauss discussed Warrants

Strauss recommended waiting until January to discuss the warrants for 4901.

Selectman Seamans talks about the concerns of the Fire Department Antenna being placed in the library with the LCHIP grant and states Fire Chief Harmon will be gathering information to provide to the Selectman as soon as possible.

Strauss discusses the amounts for 4915 Capital Reserve Funds. Chairman Espie made a motion to approve 4915 Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$141,500.00, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Strauss discussed the budget for 4916 Expendable Trust Fund and explains there is an increase in the line item for Fire Department Equipment. Chairman Espie made a motion to approve 4916 Expendable Trust Funds in the amount of \$81,000.00, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Strauss talks about the Aquatic Plants and that another invoice was received. Strauss stated he will reach out to the Conservation Commission Chair to see if they are comfortable being down to around \$12,000.00.

Strauss informs the Board there will be at least 3 presentations at the next Budget Committee meeting with the nonprofits.

Public Comment:

No one of the public had comments.

Chairman Espie made a motion to enter the nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: II (a) Personnel, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Nonpublic Session convened at 4:50 pm

Chairman Espie made a motion to come out of the nonpublic session, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0)

Minutes are not to be sealed.

Selectmen Racine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Espie. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: December 23, 2023

Leonard Espie

Chris Seamans

Leo Racine