



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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Racine, Selectman Seamans, Zoning Enforcement Officer Boyden, Fire Chief Harmon, and Michelle Couris

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

Chairman Espie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated December 14, 2023, in the amount of \$205,809.03, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Mail:

Chairman Espie reviews the mail folder containing the Bridge money from the State of New Hampshire that coincides with the Highway Block Grant. Chairman Espie announces the Public Hearing will be held in two weeks at 5:00 pm to accept the unanticipated funds.

Signature Folder:

Chairman Espie reviews the Signature Folder containing one intent to cut, and one Veteran's exemption.

Department Reports:

Zoning Enforcement Officer:

Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rebecca Boyden, presents her November report.

Boyden updates the Board about the Junkyard Violation and states that the yard is improving, and she will do another site visit in March.

Boyden brings up concerns about tires and asks the Board for a way to assist residents with tire disposals. The Board provides the option of BDS Tire Recycling with a cost to the resident. Boyden gives the idea of making a day out of it for the residents of the Town. The Board asked Boyden to gather information to discuss later.

Fire Chief

Fire Chief Harmon reviews November reports.

Chief Harmon informs the Board that Engine 3 is back in service.

Chief Harmon updates the Board regarding FEMA and that he is finalizing his inventory reports to provide to them for the July rainstorm and informs the Board the total is around \$28,000.

Chief Harmon asked the Board for an estimate on Molly Philbrick Road and if any of the road is a Class VI. Selectman Seamans states it is all Class V.

Selectman Seamans asks about the design for the Antenna. Harmon explains it's the same Antenna going in the Fire Station, and they could take a picture of the design.

Chief Harmon provides an update on the Fire Truck refurbishment, and states a company from Maine will also be putting a bid in.

Announcements:

Transfer Station will be closing at noon on December 24, 2023, for Christmas Eve.

Town offices will be closed on December 25, 2023, in observance of Christmas Day.

The Public Hearing to accept unanticipated funds from the State will be held December 26, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

Public Comments:

Chuck Fuller announces the Town being approved for the LCHIP Grant in the amount of \$170,000 and that the paperwork should arrive shortly for Phase 2. Work to be completed in the years 2024-2025.

Vicki Kirkwood of Green Mountain Road, asked for an update on the previous Health Officer records. Chairman Espie stated he was hoping Chief Duchesne would have been here tonight to ask.

Vicki Kirkwood of Green Mountain Road, asked for an update on the Oil Tank. Chairman Espie stated Clean Harbors had someone interested.

Grace Fuller stated the library received another grant from a nonprofit for Mitigating Senior Isolation and with the grant the library intends to purchase; large print books, offer balance and flexibility classes and monetary incentives for seniors who are unable to make it into the library.

Susan Slack introduces Andrew Cushing of the NH Preservation Alliance. Jason Earle explains he is able to assist the Town with 'Lord's Hill Tavern'. Andrew informs the Board of his duties on the NH Preservation Alliance and that the banner is small but lists the website to see the Tavern.

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

Nonpublic session convened at 4:55 pm.

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

Nonpublic minutes are not to be sealed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: December 23, 2023

Leonard Espie

Chris Seamans

Leo Racine