



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

**Board of Selectmen's Minutes**  
**December 26, 2023**

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Racine, Selectman Seamans, Sergeant Eldridge, and Administrative Assistant Pitts

Call to Order:

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

Chairman Espie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approvals:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated December 28, 2023, in the amount of \$292,857.88, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Work Session minutes dated November 21, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's minutes dated November 28, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Mail:

Chairman Espie announced the monies received for the Town's share of the Rooms and Meals tax in the amount of \$161,500.

Announcements:

Administrative Assistant Pitts announces the Town Offices will be closed January 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's Day.

Board of Selectman Reports:

Selectman Seamans discusses the work continuing from the storm damage and addressing potholes on Pine River Road and Champion Hill Road.

Selectman Seamans asks the public if there are any potholes that were missed to please contact him.

Selectman Seamans brings up safety concerns on Wilkinson Swamp Road as there is a very deep wash out and that it's not safe for travel.

Selectman Seamans thanks Tim Murphy and David Abbott for their assistance and volunteering for the Town.

### Department Reports:

Sergeant Eldridge presented the Police Department's monthly report for November.

Sergeant Eldridge listed the monthly stats at: 248 calls for service, 3 arrests, 34 Motor Vehicle stops, and the K9 was deployed 3 times. Eldridge could speak on 2 of the deployments, one was for drugs, and the last was for a successful track.

Chairman Espie asked if Eldridge was still working with Germany, Eldridge confirmed.

### Public Comment:

Gary Jewell of Champion Hill Road addresses concerns of Assessing Official, David Hynes visiting his property to take pictures of his yard and not his house. Jewell suggests taking care of the Tires and having to pay at the Transfer Station. Chairman Espie states he will talk to Mr. Hynes and follow up.

David Strauss informs the Board of the need to approve the warrants for 4901 and recommends approving them at the Budget meeting on Tuesday.

David Strauss asks about the Fire Truck refurbishment. Chairman Espie informed that the Department is still getting estimates and that it would not be done during this budget season.

Lawrence Edwards announces the Public Hearing for the Zoning Board being held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

Selectman Seamans announces the Planning Board Public Hearing on the Hertle Subdivision on January 4th, 2024.

### Public Hearing:

Chairman Espie opened the Public Hearing to accept unanticipated funds at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Espie made a motion to accept the Highway Funds received by the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$23,813.40, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to accept the Bridge Aid Funds received by the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$19,412.45, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

David Strauss states the Bridge Aid funds could be moved to the Bridge fund by a warrant article.

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

Nonpublic Session convened at 5:05 pm.

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

Administrative Assistant Pitts will make the nonpublic minutes generic, the Selectmen agreed to not seal the minutes.

Regular meeting reconvened at 5:20 pm.

Selectmen Seamans announced receiving the final report for Bailey Road from Dawsons. Administrative Assistant Pitts states it has been printed and will be filed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: January 5, 2024

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Leonard Espie

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Chris Seamans

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Leo Racine