



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

Board of Selectmen's Minutes
January 9, 2024

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Racine, Selectman Seamans, Fire Chief Harmon, Zoning Enforcement Officer Boyden, Police Chief Duchesne, and Administrative Assistant Pitts

Call to Order:

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 4:19 pm

Chairman Espie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Zoning Enforcement Officer:

Zoning Enforcement Officer Boyden reviews her report for December. Boyden explains the year had been steady and the department received different things.

Selectman Seamans asked the status of the property located on Elm Street. Boyden stated that she has an appointment with the property owner when she returns from vacation.

Boyden discussed the concerns at the property located at 15 Morris Ave. Boyden mentioned a preliminary Wetlands walk had been completed and DES was notified. Boyden explained the property would need to be flagged come springtime. Boyden mentioned the vehicles that are being stored are hobby cars and she is unsure of the State Statute. The Board and Boyden agreed to reach out for legal opinion on the vehicles.

Boyden brought up future Enforcement concerns and recommends bringing it to the Board's attention for guidance.

Approvals:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated January 11, 2024, in the amount of \$80,586.20, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Board of Selectman minutes dated December 26, 2023, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Appointment:

Grace Fuller of the Library Board of Trustees provided the Board with documentation regarding the question of having Library Staff participate through NHRS. Grace explains that the library has not voted to governmental agency to participate in the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Grace informs the Board about the upcoming events happening at the library, including an exhibit and an artist visiting to speak.

Grace recommends Nichole Perrault and Harriet Greystone for the two vacant positions on the Library Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees would like to appoint Nichole Perrault as a voting Board member and Harriet as an alternate on the Board.

Chairman Espie makes a motion to appoint Nichole Perrault for the open position on the Library Board of Trustees until the next election, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to appoint Harriet Greystone as an alternate member on the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Business:

The Board discussed holding the regular Board meeting on Monday January 22, 2024, due the NH's Primary Election.

Administrative Assistant Pitts verified that NH's Primary Election will be held at Effingham Elementary School and will list it on the Town's website.

Fire Department Reports:

Fire Chief Harmon reviewed his report for the month of December with a total of 42 calls, calls including 13 medical and 29 fire.

Harmon informed the Board of another FEMA event for the December storm.

Harmon provides the Board with all quotes for the Fire Truck refurbishment and recommends locking it in the budget to request the money at the Town Meeting. Harmon explains that it could be 7-10 months before a company takes the truck. The Board stated that the refurbishment wasn't a 2024 item and if anything needed to be done that the fund could come out of the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board decided to discuss further during a Work Session on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Chief Harmon talks about the town repeater and that it helps with the Fire and Police Department and allows for the Departments to communicate through during the storms. The Board agreed to also discuss the antenna during Friday's Work Session.

Announcement:

Chairman Espie announces the Town Offices will be closed Monday January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King's Day.

Business (cont.):

Susan Slack of the Historic District Commission recommends having a Heritage Commission and the benefits it would have. Susan explains that it would need to be voted on at Town Meeting.

Chairman Espie made a motion to add the article warrant to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Historic District Commission to assume the composition and duties of a Heritage

Commission and to increase its membership of 5 members to 7, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to add an article to appropriate the sum of \$500 to carry out the purposes of a Heritage Commission if the previous article passes, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Public Comment:

Rosemarie Wissenbach of Province Lake Road asked the Board if the previous Health Officer records have been returned. Chief Duchesne explained that it is a discussion that has to be held with the Board of Selectmen but provided the short answer of no.

Chuck Fuller of Snow Road complimented the plow trucks.

Linda Edwards brought up concerns of citizen complaints on the Zoning Enforcement Officers reports.

Vicki Kirkwood of Green Mountain Road asked for an update on the sale of the oil tank at the Transfer Station. Administrative Assistant Pitts stated that the oil tank has been listed for sale through NRRA and Clean Harbors.

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

Nonpublic Session convened at 5:48pm.

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

Regular meeting reconvened at 6:52 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: January 19, 2024

Leonard Espie

Chris Seamans

Leo Racine