



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

**Board of Selectmen's Minutes**  
**January 22, 2024**

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

Approval of:

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Manifest dated January 25, 2024, in the amount of \$167,000.03, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Work Session minutes dated January 9, 2024, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the Board of Selectman Minutes dated January 9, 2024, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Mail Folder:

Chairman Espie reviews the mail folder containing a Public Hearing Notice for the Town of Freedom regarding a cell tower.

Board of Selectman Reports:

Selectman Seamans expresses kudos to the Winter Road Contractor. Seamans appreciates the Winter Road Contractor opening up Huntress Bridge Road at the intersection of 153.

Selectman Seamans states the Board of Selectmen and Administrative Assistant Pitts are looking into the agreement with NRRA and in the future would like to discuss the process at the Transfer Station.

Department Reports:

Sergeant Eldridge reviews the Police Department Report for the month of December. Eldridge states there were a total of 259 calls; 2 arrests, 44 motor vehicle stops, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 4 K9 Deployments. Eldridge explains the K-9 Deployments being 3 for drugs and 1 track.

Chairman Espie informs the Public that Sergeant Eldridge will be the new Police Chief for the Town of Effingham, and Sr. Patrolman Baker is being promoted to Sergeant.

Business:

Chairman Espie makes a motion to approve Rooster Productions for the contract with the Historic Town Hall Project in the amount of \$5,600 for the interior door restoration.

The Board discusses the Encumbrance of Funds. Chairman Espie makes a motion to carry over \$30,000 for the Avitar Contract, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Announcements:

Chairman Espie announces the NH Primary election being held on January 23, 2024.

Public Comment:

Chairman Espie opened Public Comment.

No one of the Public spoke, public form was closed.

Selectman Seamans discusses with the Board and Public the possibility of repairing all roads at once and obtaining a bond. Seamans would like to discuss further to have it for Town Meeting in 2025.

Chairman Espie made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3; II (c) Legal, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Non-Public Session convened at 4:53 pm.

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

Regular Meeting convened at 5:15 pm

The Board agreed not to seal the minutes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: February 4, 2024

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Leonard Espie

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Chris Seamans

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Leo Racine