

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen**
Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing

December 10, 2019

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Michael Cahalane
Chuck Fuller

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
The Regular meeting was called to order at 4:10
The Mail, Manifest, Signature Folder and items in Action Folder were reviewed and read to public.
Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the regular minutes of December 3, 2019, Mr. Cahalane seconded with amendment to start time of ambulance meeting to 6:00pm. All in favor. Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the minutes of December 4th work session, Mr. Cahalane seconded.
Motion made by Mr. Meisner to accept the minutes of December 9th; Mr. Cahalane seconded.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the non-public minutes of December 9th, Mr. Fuller seconded.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the manifest of December 8-14 for \$389,618.91 Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Monday December 16th at 4:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fire Chief Randy Burbank had a call to a home on Baily Road with major code violations. The Fire Marshall was notified and he suggested a fire safety inspection with owner's permission. He also requested to purchase smoke and CO2 detectors for people who may need them. He added they are required in rental properties by law. Mr. Meisner agreed to follow the lead of the Fire Marshall and proceed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEET AND GREET WITH RYAN YEATON, PROSPECTIVE POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Yeaton answered questions from residents pertaining to his history and plans for being Police Chief in Effingham. Mr. Yeaton grew up in the area but now resides in Georgia and is willing to relocate. He has family in area and considers it coming home. He has fourteen years' experience as a Deputy from jails to supervising eleven officers and four civilian women.

Dave Strauss asked: How will your certification in Georgia affect certification in NH?

Mr. Yeaton: The NH Post Council will decide what will be needed. I realize there will be training in laws, motor vehicle, etc. Online courses may be taken as well. He added he has 2100 hours of training and 120 hours of Supervision courses in Georgia. He keeps up to date with what is needed.

Tom Hart asked: What ideas do you have about the opioid epidemic?

Mr. Yeaton: Working with surrounding towns and county is important as drug use leads to other criminal activity. Locking up people doesn't work and other methods need to be sought.

Steve Regal asked: What training you have obtained is portable?

Mr. Yeaton: many are standard such as sobriety testing. I will be checking state laws and ongoing training is essential and willing to adapt to Effingham.

Cheryle Feirick: Does Georgia supply your weapons?

Mr. Yeaton: Yes

Grace Fuller asked: Have you worked with female officers or ever reported to one?

Mr. Yeaton: Yes, and both were positive experiences.

Mitch Yeaton spoke in favor of his son as he is well respected at his agency in Georgia where he has received a medal of valor for crawling into a burning car to save a person. He also works with children and has received many awards.

Mr. Seamans: What is the size of your community in Georgia?

Mr. Yeaton: 200,000 people but an area of the same size.

Chris Seamans: Will you be staying in one location during duty for speeding?

Mr. Yeaton: I like to be mobile and not targeting individuals.

Steve Regal: Did you do door to door checks for wellness?

Mr. Yeaton: The area in Georgia was too large to do wellness checks but people would call in if they were going away for us to check their homes while away.

Melissa Seamans: What agency did you come from?

Mr. Yeaton: Corporal, fourteen years as officer.

Melissa Seamans: Why come to Effingham?

Mr. Yeaton: My family is here and there was an opening. I am not going for the top job but the equivalent.

Melissa Seamans: What is your past experience with the media?

Mr. Yeaton: We had a public information Officer take care of media.

Grace Fuller: What are your ideas for public outreach?

Mr. Yeaton: Visiting schools, gatherings and work places. Face to face is the best way to build relationships.

Steve Regal: Do you see any problems with working with the present Sergeant as he also applied for the same position?

Mr. Yeaton: I have mutual respect and am sure I can learn from him.

John Meisner: How do you plan to incorporate department with school?

Mr. Yeaton: Currently we have officers in all schools but I'm aware of the size difference. We have projects that last over years and certificates given to students when they move onto middle school.

John Meisner: How would you interact with Fire department?

Mr. Yeaton: It is important to go out and meet all departments and have a unified plan.

Chris Seamans: Have you seen the call volume for the area?

Mr. Yeaton: I have checked on calls coming in and I am open to getting calls at all hours. It is part of the job.

Melissa Seamans: I understand you have detective experience, what about prosecuting?

Mr. Yeaton: In Georgia other departments handled prosecution, but I have given testimonials.

Grace Fuller: Have you been with same department your whole career?

Mr. Yeaton: I started with the jail and worked my way up.

Grace Fuller: Do you have any grant writing experience?

Mr. Yeaton: No, but realize it may be needed here.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Meisner:

Tree is scheduled for removal on Drake road but owner must be located first.

The compactor at Transfer Station is scheduled to be repaired Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

Mr. Cahalane:

He agreed to follow up on owner of tree on Drake Road.

The large log post will be removed on Parsonsfield Road due to safety concerns.

Chris Fournier from HEB has completed the Snow Road Bridge plans. The bidding will begin in January per purchasing ordinance.

Mr. Fuller:

He went out to see the property on Old Pound Road in preparation for the demolition. An asbestos certification is need by state. Selectmen agreed to use recommendation of Danley Demolition. The oil tank must also be drained and removed.

Four beavers have been discovered in the Snow Road bridge area. Evans Bros. will be cleaning out those culverts as well as a dam on Baily Road.

Solar use may be a possibility for town owned buildings would be located at the Effingham School. The idea is being investigated.

There will be a power point on taxes to be announced in January.

A Town Hall project support letter has been signed by Selectmen for possible grant.

Selectmen agreed to replace a radio in police cruiser on this year's budget.

New Business:

Budget Review:

4916 Transfer to Trust Funds for \$13,000.00 passed unanimously

4194 Municipal Buildings for \$74,000.00 passed unanimously

4316 Street Lighting for\$7,750.00 passed unanimously

4901 Option 1 Capital Outlay \$342,900.00 passed unanimously

4901 Option 2 Capital Outlay dissolve \$51,000.00(failed) approved for \$392,000.00 passed unanimously

4915 Transfer to capital Reserve Funds \$38,840.00 passed unanimously

4150 Auditors \$12,000.00 passed unanimously

4152 Assessing \$57,250.00 passed unanimously

4312 Highways and Streets \$529,000.00 passed unanimously

4130 Executive \$148,820.00 passed unanimously

4155 payroll expenses \$70,000.00 passed unanimously

4196 Insurance fees \$13,000.00 passed unanimously

Old Business:

Public Comment:

Ed Comeau encouraged the Board to select a person to attend school board meetings. A representative from every town would be appreciated.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3, II (b and d))

Selectman Meisner made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Cahalane seconded. Roll-call: Mike Cahalane-I John Meisner -I. Charles Fuller -I. Selectman Meisner called non-public 6:05pm. Selectman Meisner made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane, all in favor. Public session reconvened at 6:20pm.

Mr. Meisner made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fuller seconded, all in favor.

Adjourned: 6:21

12/17/2019

Michael Cahalane

Date

Charles Fuller

John Meisner

