

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

December 17, 2019

Selectmen present:

Michael Cahalane  
Chuck Fuller

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:00PM

The Mail, Manifest, Signature Folder and items in Action Folder were reviewed and read to public.

Pledge of Allegiance

**MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the regular minutes of December 10, 2019, Mr. Fuller seconded.

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup> work session, Mr. Fuller seconded.

Motion made by Mr. Cahalane to accept the non-public minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Fuller seconded.

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the manifest of December 15-21 for \$203,007.67 Mr. Fuller seconded, all in favor.

**PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Ralph Goudreau of Huntress Bridge Road approached the Board about feeling uninformed about the recent tax rate increase. He stated he is also visiting in behalf of other residents.

Mr. Cahalane answered his questions and explained the taxes and budget have been talked about at Selectmen's meetings. They also explained the tax impacts this year, including the Eversource decision and the 2018 Camp Marist decision. The school portion also played a part. Mr. Fuller stated there will be a tax related presentation in January explaining the increase and will be recorded for viewing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The Board will meet Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm and Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Mr. Meisner:**

absent

**Mr. Cahalane:**

The stop sign is missing at Route 153 and Huntress Bridge Road as well as the yield sign located at Route 153 and Nutter Road. The stop and yield signs may be State responsibility as they are located at the intersections of Route 153. The Parsonsfield road sign is missing and will be replaced as soon as possible. He reported he is working on warrant articles with Br. Burke. The GASB (Governmental and Standards Board) log will be brought up to date. He also reported arrangements with Eversource have been made to remove the tree on Drake Rd. and Evans Bros. will take away the wood. Mr. Cahalane will file the culvert report with the State this week.

A false fire alarm ordinance is being explored that will include the Fire and Police Dept as well.

**Mr. Fuller:**

Mr. fuller reported the culverts on Snow Road Bridge have been cleaned out and four beavers were removed. He attended a broadband study meeting for improved internet services and has received updated information from Consolidated Communications.

The new ambulance contract could be signed as early as the next ambulance committee meeting.

**New Business:**

**Budget items:**

4916 Transfer to Trust Funds CIP \$1,000.00 to \$1875.00 Mr. Cahalane made a motion to approve the transfer, Mr. Fuller seconded.

4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds Police Cruiser funding at \$45,000.00. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to approve the transfer and Mr. Fuller seconded.

**Public Comment:**

Acting Police Chief Ian MacMillan brought to the attention of the Board the building out back (Police Dept building) is settling, the floor has a depression. He also reported Officer Diaz has been deployed to Utah and the needs of the Department will still be met.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank reported talking to owner of an apartment building with several safety violations. The owner is receptive to an inspection and will be informed on smoke and CO2 detectors. A letter will be sent to owner.

**NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3, II (a))**

Selectman Cahalane made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Fuller seconded. Roll-call: Mike Cahalane-I, Charles Fuller -I. Selectman Cahalane called non-public 6:15pm. Selectman Cahalane made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Fuller, all in favor. Public session reconvened at 6:25pm.

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

Adjourned: 6:25

12/23/2019

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Michael Cahalane

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Date

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Charles Fuller

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John Meisner