

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen**

July 28, 2020

Selectmen present: Michael Cahalane
Chuck Fuller
Tom Hart

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

Roll call: Tom Hart Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Michael Cahalane Aye

Meeting available to public via call-in teleconference.

The Regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the regular minutes of July 21st, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.

Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the nonpublic minutes of July 21st, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.

Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the Public Hearing on Ordinances minutes of July 21st, Mr. Fuller seconded, all in favor. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the manifest in the amount of \$568,882.92, Mr. Hart seconded.

Mr. Cahalane noted that \$555,521.000 went to GWRSD. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Wednesday July 29th at 9:00 am work session with Cemetery Trustee, Lenny Espie at Woodland Cemetery

Wednesday work session July 29th at the office

July 29th 5:00pm meeting with volunteers of the Hazardous Waste Day to discuss set up at the Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elm Street Bridge is closed for repairs, see town website for bridge reports and updates.

Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday August 1st 8:30 - 12:00 at the elementary school.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahalane to accept the budget schedule submitted by Budget Chair Dave Strauss. Mr. Fuller seconded, all in favor. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

An agreement has been received from Rogers pertaining to dwelling units.

Erik Spofford of Green Mountain Treatment Center:

Mr. Spofford presented the Town of Effingham with the first check of \$10,000.00. The donation is to offset the cost of EMS responses to the Green Mountain facility. He emphasized the importance of the facility being a positive impact on the community and offered assistance to the Town for future volunteer activities. The Board thanked him for the generous contribution to the Town of Effingham. Mr. Spofford stated he has filed an application with the Planning Board for expansion of onsite services that will be available to the clients and reduce the number of visits from Effingham first responders.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Cahalane:

Mr. Cahalane stated Schofield Auction has submitted a contract. Seven parcels are scheduled for auction, final list to be reviewed at Wednesday's work session.

Chief Burbank has presented the Board with a two-person fulltime Fire Department plan. Full time status will allow homeowners a possible insurance reduction. The Board will follow up with the Insurance Commissioner of New Hampshire. A tax increase could be offset by a cost reduction for homeowner's insurance. The report added that part time volunteer fire fighters are increasingly difficult to recruit and call numbers are also increasing. Many tasks need to be conducted on a weekly basis at the department. The plan calls for staffing two positions working 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday at \$60,900 a year with no benefits included.

After careful consideration it has been decided a part time Lieutenant position can accommodate the needs of the police department, pending approval of the budget committee. A possible temporary part time position applicant will be coming in to speak with the board for future consideration.

Mr. Fuller:

Mr. Fuller emphasized the importance of residents filling out the survey on the Town website for broadband use. So Far 73 people have responded from Effingham. The survey asks for internet speeds and will aid in funding for updating rural service.

The need for secure storage of Planning Board meetings files has been addressed with Chair Theresa Swanick. A one-year subscription to drop box is planned to secure those needs. Mr. Burke will talk to Lenhart, our computer techs, about what they have to offer as well.

Mr. Hart:

Mr. Hart is busy working on the Boston Post Cane Project and other projects, such as used oil collection storage facility construction options.

Town Administrator Brian Burke Reporting:

Several applications have been received for the Town Administrator position and appointments will be made for interviews.

The Board directed Town Administrator Brian Burke to have funds held in the NH PDIP be withdrawn to be used as originally designated for the Historical Town Hall Project in the amount of \$7593.92 plus interest.

Rebecca Boyden Zoning Enforcement Officer Reporting:

Mrs. Boyden reported that informational rack cards will be sent out to residents. She is still working remotely but is actively processing applications and other items.

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

None at this time

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fuller seconded. all in favor.
Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

Adjourned 10:40

Michael Cahalane

8/04/2020
Date

Charles Fuller

Thomas Hart