

## **Town of Effingham Board of Selectmen**

September 9, 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 September 1, 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 manifest in the amount of \$171,235.51, Mr. Hart seconded.

### **PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

*Public Hearing September 15 at 1:00 pm at Town Office for The Fire Prevention and Inspection Ordinance and to adopt RSA 31:105 Indemnification for Damages.*  
*Budget prep meeting September 28*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Town Owned Property Auction Saturday September 12 at 10:00 am at 68 School Street for 5 properties.*  
*Open House at Fire dept. Saturday October 10, food, and Jaws of Life Demo*  
*The Board acknowledged the passing of David Manley who was active in the Effingham Community. He served as an Election Official, Library Trustee and Trustee of the Trust Funds over the years.*  
*The Board would like to thank all those who participated in the election on Tuesday. It was long day from 7:00 am to 10:30 for all those who set up, took down, brought food, worked the election, policed, and cleaned up. Mr. Hart especially would like to thank the janitors at the Elementary School for all their help.*

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

#### **Mr. Cahalane:**

Mr. Cahalane reported there was a deed repurchase for lot 404-024.  
The edited Cemetery Agreement was signed.  
A \$10,000.00 check from the state GOFER program has been received for expenses incurred due to Covid 19.  
He would like to have an in-person meeting with ZEO to discuss various items.  
*Mr. Cahalane made a motion to sign the HEB contract amendment #2, Mr. Hart seconded.*  
The USDA paperwork has been submitted for the Snow Road bridge Grant.

There are concerns with the Pine River Road culvert that has been recently repaired. The DES is recommending 2 small higher-level culverts for overflow to supplement the present culvert.

The Board reviewed a recent issue that arose from a resident requesting a “trade” for his lots at Woodland. The Board all agreed as the agreement states in paragraph eight that any lot being disposed of should be sold back to Town for same amount originally paid. Therefore, the new lots desired would be paid for at the new cost of \$350.00 each per new agreement of August 2020.

The Police Dept will be hand delivering letters to residents who have not complied with previous attempts to get mailboxes into compliance with Town Ordinance and Postal Regulations. The letters will be hand delivered as the Post Office refuses to deliver to the addresses.

**Mr. Fuller:**

Mr. Fuller reported the death of five beavers at the Snow Road Bridge area. The culvert will be cleaned out. There have been reports of suspicious car activity and the Police are on alert.

Hydroseeding has been completed at Woodland Cemetery.

The Friends of Effingham Library recently raised \$320.00 at their book sale. Branches need trimming on the Library property, Mr. Fuller will contact the utility company.

**Mr. Hart:**

Mr. Hart reported there is \$ 541,880.00 in delinquent taxes at this time.

**Town Administrator Brian Burke:**

Mr. Burke explained to the Board about President Trump’s emergency order to put a hold on social security payments from employees. The Town Attorney advised against participating as the employee will have to reimburse the amount in January 2021. The Board agreed.

The SAMS registration process has been completed. The registration is necessary to accept grants from government and other entities.

The next submission date for GOFER is September 15. Election costs will be included in the tabulation.

The installation of the communications update has not been completed.

ZEO weekly report received.

Fire Dept. monthly report received.

Recess called at 10:45, reconvened at 10:55

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

The Board distributed employee appreciation bouquets to the staff. The flowers were from the gardens of Karen Paine. The staff thanks all involved for their thoughtfulness.

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

Selectman Fuller made a motion to enter non-public session, Selectman Hart seconded. Roll call: Mike Cahalane-Aye Tom Hart-Aye and Chuck Fuller-Aye. Selectman Cahalane called non-public @ 11:00 am. Selectman Fuller made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane. Public session reconvened at 11:26 am.

10-minute recess called; public session reconvened 11:50 into a work session.

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

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 12:37

September 15, 2020

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Michael Cahalane

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Date

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Charles Fuller

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Thomas Hart