

Town of Effingham

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2018

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Leonard Espie
Michael Cahalane

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the minutes of August 21 ,2018, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

The manifest was approved for the amount of \$544,236.19, all in favor.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION: none at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bids were opened for installation of a septic system at the Fire Station.

Evans Brothers..... \$15,467.47 with additional charges for ledge and H-20 septic tank with risers.

Lakes Region Septic..... \$19,800.00 with additional charges for ledge.

Mr. Espie made a motion to go with low bidder Evans Brothers, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

The bid was awarded to Evans Brothers of Wolfeboro, NH.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy Burbank submitted an approval for a new fire dept. member, Frank Pevear. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to approve the new member, Mr. Espie seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Burbank also announced they had received a grant for \$59,429.00 A warrant article may be needed for the new radios as they have become obsolete. Eric Jones asked if there were funds available in the equipment fund, Selectmen replied they will have to look into it.

Mr. Burbank presented the 2018 EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) to Selectmen. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the EOP, Mr. Meisner seconded, all in favor. Copies have been distributed to departments.

John Bertogli from Green Mountain Road wanted more information of property boundaries when new culverts are being put in on Green Mountain Road. Mr. Cahalane responded the road is not being widened and if there are trees that need to be removed on property or the right of way, the abutting property owner will be notified.

Chuck Fuller reported his research into the Library building. Feedback from residents has been supportive of preserving the building. He is requesting the firm of Christopher P. Williams, architects PLLC to be retained to create an updated architectural plan. Mr. Cahalane made a motion the Board authorize Mr. Fuller to apply for grant funding from the NH Preservation Society for Library/Masonic building. This would be a 50% matching grant up to \$4500.00. An assessment is needed by Fall to position the Town for the 2019 grant funding cycle. Mr. Espie seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Mr. Cahalane stated it was his opinion the taxpayers do not want to foot the entire bill for the restoration and maintenance of the building. All the Selectmen supported Mr. Fuller's efforts. Mr. Fuller added he expects a \$10,000.00 estimate for the assessment, Mr. Cahalane added other grants could recoup the amount. Selectmen will take a week to read the firms proposals and a decision will be made next week.

Mr. Fuller also brought to the attention of the Board the speed test results of the municipal buildings' internet service were very low and gave recommendations.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Espie:

Roadside mowing has started, debris in road will be cleaned up soon. Mr. Meisner explained how the crew's equipment had broken down. Roadside mowing will resume next week.

He stated the town needs to hire another transfer station attendant for one day a week and as a fill in.

Mr. Meisner:

Selectman Meisner noticed fire station #2 needs paving or repair to the parking lot, to be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Cahalane:

Mr. Cahalane reported the capital improvement plan forms had gone out to dept. heads by Grace Fuller.

He will be attending a budget workshop in September.

Mr. Cahalane reviewed his visit to Effingham's 240th Birthday Party put on by the volunteer group, Effingham Connect. After receiving a commendation plaque from the group, he recommended the plaque stay with the group to commemorate the group's efforts in town. He reminded the residents that the party was not a town sponsored event but hosted by a private volunteer group and read a letter regarding his opinions.

Maureen McGlane asked if the town had a manual or policy and procedure for such groups adding that innocent gestures may be misconstrued as bad intentions. She suggested a meeting with groups to open communication. Mr. Cahalane responded there is no policy on volunteer groups but the town seeks council on such instances.

Grace Fuller agreed a manual would be a good idea, especially if we are to celebrate a 250th birthday party. A lengthy discussion ensued on possibilities for future events and planning.

Mr. Espie offered no opinion as he was not at the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Espie, seconded by Selectman Cahalane, all in favor.

Adjourned 7:02

Michael Cahalane

Leonard Espie

John Meisner

Date