

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

September 3, 2019

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Michael Cahalane
Chuck Fuller

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:00
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 August 27th. Mr. Cahalane seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the amended manifest of August 31-Sept. 6th for \$40,558.67, Mr. Cahalane seconded.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Work session Monday September 9th at 4:30

Work Session Wednesday September 11th at 6:30

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Hempton, Effingham's representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission, shared a power point presentation about cell phone coverage in Effingham. He stated that cell phone coverage and signal strength are less than providers claim. Maps were created on Effingham's roads showing available service at various points. The companies were AT&T, Verizon and T Mobile. The south eastern section was particularly bad, far less than providers claim. His report will be shared at the next LRPC meeting. Steve Regal asked about the outcome of the call increase notification coming from the Green Mountain Treatment Center. Mr. Cahalane responded he will be speaking with the Director of the facility soon. Tom Hart wanted to recognize the Police dept. for updating social media.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The new Transfer Station Policy has been posted on website. A new informational handout will be going out to residents at the Transfer Station. It will also be available at the Town Offices and can be viewed on the website, as well. The fees for the new Policy will go into effect October 1st. Cash only will be accepted and receipts will be issued.

Province Lake Association will be at the September 17th meeting with a power point presentation.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Meisner:

Mr. Meisner thanked Randy Burbank for his efforts in obtaining grants for the town. His year to date tally is \$711,000.00 including a fire truck. The most recent award was from the Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$84,619.04 leaving Effingham only \$4,380.96 to pay for air packs. Well done, Chief Burbank.

The Ad is out for a new Police Chief. Ian Macmillan is acting Chief while a review board is going through the process of hiring. The review board includes Sheriff Richardi, The President of the State of New Hampshire Police Chief's Association, The Police Chief Association Representative for Carroll County, Effingham citizen, Tim Eldridge and State Police Commander Lt. Fogarty of Troop E.

Evans Bros. will be starting culverts on Green Mountain Road September 4th. Evans reported that Huntress Bridge Road and Clough Roads will be graded. Patch work needs to be done on Drake Road.

Mr. Cahalane:

Mr. Fuller:

Mr. Fuller presented a time line from 2016 to present explaining the Snow Road Bridge Project using power point. The bridge is now red listed by the NH DOT which means it is in danger of closing. Closure of the bridge would create a detour to Colcord Hill Road. Increased traffic and service vehicles for the Transfer Station would require widening of the road. Weather conditions on that road would also play a factor. Original estimates of \$160,000.00 were understated. Anticipated funds from Bridge Aid have been pushed out to 2033. Which brings us to 2019 and what the Town options are.

The town can fund \$900,000.00 to replace the bridge. An alternate timber bridge costing \$300,000.00 or replace culverts underneath costing \$150,000.00 or move Transfer Station. Moving the Transfer Station is not a feasible option at this time. Mr. Fuller suggested a warrant article for \$100,000.00 to add to the present \$200,000.00 Town -owned Bridges Capital Reserve Fund.

He also spoke about reviewing ambulance proposals for the six-town meeting coming up.

New Business:

Old Business:

Public Comment:

Melissa Seamans, representing Effingham Connect, approached the Board with a plan for a children's park located at the Library in an unused area behind the parking lot. Mr. Meisner liked the idea but not at that location due to high traffic on Rt 153 and Town House Road. He recommended the area behind the present Town Offices. Two acres would be available with cameras and safety. There would be parking and it would be away from the road. Mr. Fuller was also in favor of the alternate location, agreeing the safety of the children was of concern. Mr. Cahalane agreed.

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

Selectman Meisner made a motion to enter into non-public, Mr. Cahalane seconded.

Michael Cahalane-I John Meisner -I. Charles Fuller -I. Selectman Meisner called non-public 4:30pm. Selectman Cahalane a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Fuller, all in favor. Public session reconvened at 5:00 pm.

Motion made to seal minutes by Mr. Meisner, seconded by Mr. Fuller, all in favor.

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

Adjourned 6:30

9/10/2019

Michael Cahalane

Charles Fuller

John Meisner

Date