

Town of Effingham Board of Selectmen

August 25, 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 August 18th, Mr. Fuller seconded, all in favor. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

A motion was made by Mr. Cahalane to accept the non-public minutes of August 18th, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the work session minutes of August 18th, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the manifest in the amount of \$23,369.14, Mr. Hart seconded. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing September 15 at 1:00 pm at Town Office for The Fire Prevention and Inspection Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paving on Green Mountain Road is complete, finish work of shouldering to start next week and driveway tie-ins will be completed this week. The job came in under budget.

Elm Street bridge is open although there will be one lane traffic on Thursday as they install the relief joint on the west end of bridge.

Town Owned Property Auction Saturday September 12 at 10:00 am at 68 School Street for 6 properties.

A tent has been reserved for the upcoming election to provide for those choosing not to wear a face-covering to enter school building.

The Red Cross thanked the Effingham residents for their continued support in a recent letter.

There will be an Election Day Food Drive please see website for more information. Value-land is extending special offers for the event.

The Town is looking for a cleaning person to clean 68 School Street. Contact office for details.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Cahalane:

Mr. Cahalane A purchase and sales agreement has been received from an abutter for a land locked town owned property map 404-006.

Sealed bids were read for abutters of land locked town owned property 406-011.

Dan Ripley bid \$2,000.00

A purchase and sales agreement has been received for map 413 lot 026.

Jeffrey and Martin Kennard bid \$6,110.00. Motion made by Mr. Fuller to award bid to The Kennards, Mr. Hart seconded.

The HEB Contract Amendment #2 will be dealt with by HEB and USDA for the Snow Road grant. Discussion of a deposit for prefabrication of the Snow Road bridge to allow for a construction start date in May or June 2021.

The Performance Bonds were received for R&D Paving.

The Winter Roads Contract AD has gone out. Bids will be due by September 28th 5:00 pm and will be opened September 29th no earlier than 10:00am.

The General Assistance procedures need review.

A Class VI and private roads waiver needs to be reviewed.

Further research is needed for GASBE compliance. The CIP Committee also wants the updated information. Mr. Fuller will follow up

He explained as the Town Health Officer he will be checking into the need for DES subsurface operational approvals and following up on the septic inspection process after a situation came to his attention this week.

He reported outstanding taxes are \$581,000.00 without interest penalties at this time.

Evans Bros. have been informed of work that needs to be done around town after Green Mountain Road is completed. Culverts and ditch lines will be addressed as well as grading where needed.

Mr. Fuller:

Mr. Fuller reported the Strogen heating proposal has been approved, additional items were reviewed concerning installation. Mr. Fuller will follow up.

One beaver has been removed so far, from the Snow Road Bridge area.

A public safety information page is being developed for the town website to keep residents informed.

A cemetery informational sheet has been drafted for prospective buyers of plots at Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Hart:

Mr. Hart reported Mr. Espie will be hydroseeding Woodlawn Cemetery.

Speed on the newly paved Green Mountain Road will be monitored by a "cop in the box".

Fire suppression rating will be disclosed to Fire Chief according to ISO.

Mr. Hart personally commended Action Ambulance and the members of the Effingham Rescue team, Joel Chick, Jon Jennings, and Mitchell Dean. Mr. Hart commented on the professionalism and speed in which the teams responded to his call.

Mr. Hart recently participated in a speed and stop sign assessment in town, New signs will be ordered and placed where needed.

The Fire Inspection Ordinance edits have been made in preparation for the Public Hearing

The Board approved signage in front of 68 School Street for the upcoming auction.

Town Administrator Brian Burke:

Consolidated will be in August 26 for the fiber installation for new phone system.

COOP plan given to Fire Chief for review. The plan is for an "in case scenario" that the Town Office would be destroyed in an emergency.

The Citizens Checking account has been closed, the check issued and deposited to new Bank of NH account.

Paperwork for election reimbursement grant from Secretary of State needs to be completed. (\$3,498.84 is the maximum allowable amount) Mr. Cahalane made a motion to empower Mr. Burke to sign grant, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.

He recommended the Road Contract be amended for sand and salt delivery at State bid prices. Mr. Cahalane argued the Road Contractor has knowledge and access to materials in times of emergencies. The Board will review the recommendation.

The computer techs will be in Wednesday, August 26 to install the digital storage and train whomever desires instruction. The new system will eliminate the need for digital drop boxes.

ZEO weekly report received. She has sent out informational cards to property owners.

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

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

Selectman Cahalane made a motion to enter non-public session, Selectman Hart seconded. Rollcall: Mike Cahalane-Aye Tom Hart-Aye and Chuck Fuller-Aye. Selectman Cahalane called non-public @ 12:00. Selectman Fuller made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane. Public session reconvened at 12:10.

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 12:10

September 1, 2020

Michael Cahalane

Date

Charles Fuller

Thomas Hart