

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen**

May 5, 2020

Selectmen present: Michael Cahalane
Chuck Fuller
Tom Hart

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye
Meeting available to public via call-in teleconference.
The Regular meeting was called to order at 9:00

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the regular minutes of April 28th. Mr. Fuller requested amendment to change will to may under his comments. Mr. Hart seconded. All in favor with amendment. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye
Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the non-public minutes of April 28th Mr. Fuller seconded. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye
Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the manifest in the amount of \$77,843.06 for April 12-18.
Mr. Fuller seconded. All in favor. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To ensure the safety of our attendants at the Transfer Station cloth face coverings are mandatory for any money exchanges. Transfer Station permit requests are available at office by mail or drop box located at 68 School Street. Please include copy of registration and self-addressed stamped envelope and one dollar. They are not available at Transfer Station at this time.
The Province Lake Association is accepting memberships for 2020. The organization is active in maintaining the health of the lake. Visit them at www.provincelake.org.
Selectmen Hart is seeking a recipient for the Boston Cane. Please contact the office.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Cahalane:

The town has received notice of a tire disposal increase from the recycling company.
Pine River Road is closed due to the overflow of Peavey Brook till the end of the week. A Wetland Emergency Request has been filed with DES. The problem is being addressed but further work will be needed in the future as this is a temporary solution to remedy the flooded area.
The CWSRF grant has been approved. The funds will be used for engineering. DES continues to be of assistance in guidance through the maze of forms and documentation for projects.
The schedule for employees at Transfer Station has been adjusted to conserve payroll. All efforts are being made to avoid furloughs and cut backs for employees.
A follow up letter has been sent to HEB to check on status of the Elm Street Bridge Project.
A financial review will be conducted on outstanding property taxes. Presently there is a \$480,000.00 shortfall. The budget analysis is for funding projects. Tax Collector Deanna Amaral stated she is not in favor of publicly posting delinquent tax payers on a board in front of building as was decided last month. Assessing Clerk Gwen English suggested posting on website rather than in front of building. Mr. Cahalane responded the postings are strictly endorsed by the Board of Selectmen only.

The Board is awaiting edits from Chief Yeaton on the proposed Fire Alarm and Inspection Ordinance.

Mr. Fuller:

An engineering firm has been chosen for the Baily Road Project after reviewing the RFQs. The Board is negotiating a proposal.

The debris on Green Mountain Road will be picked up. It was dragged out of woods during the Earth Day cleanup. Further considerations to large item pick up will need to be reviewed by the Conservation Commission as it creates a burden to how said items will be picked up.

There is continued conversation on the safety of Transfer Station personnel as the virus continues to raise concerns. There may be a plexiglass partition installed for cash exchanges. Cloth face coverings is now mandatory for monetary exchanges there.

He is following up on the oil collection receptacle.

Mr. Hart:

Mr. Hart reported that patching is being conducted on the roads around town.

The training of the new General Assistance Administrator has been delayed due to scheduling conflicts.

The phone system in town offices is being updated due to increased demand during pandemic. Fuller will follow up on an additional line in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Hart stated profanity will not be tolerated toward the office staff in response to a recent message left on the Town Clerk's answering machine over the weekend.

Town Administrator Brian Burke:

Mr. Burke reviewed several bills that were in question with the Board. He has been in contact with the state about the responsibility of the town to care for the Effingham Falls Cemetery which is currently being maintained by a private organization. The law states the town may voluntarily care for the cemetery but is not obligated. The Town is not, currently in a position to take on that role. If there are interested organizations that are interested in such a role, they are welcome to contact the current Trustees.

He also stated Governor Sununu has announced that first responders and police will be paid additional stipends in response to the virus. More information is needed on how and where the funds will come from. Police Chief Yeaton will follow up.

A new drop box has been ordered for the front of building.

The Fire Dept reports continued wellness checks continue to be conducted in a monthly report to the Selectmen.

Town Clerk Deanna Amaral Reporting:

DP-8 Low to moderate income home owners property tax relief forms are now available. Please contact Deanna at office for a form. They are due June 30, 2020.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3, II (a-l) none

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

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fuller seconded. all in favor

Adjourned: 11:26 am

Michael Cahalane

5/12/2020

date

Charles Fuller

Thomas Hart