

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen**
Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing

October 29, 2019

Selectmen present: John Meisner (arrived 4:40)
Michael Cahalane
Chuck Fuller

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
The Regular meeting was called to order at 4:00
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 October 22, 2019, Mr. Cahalane seconded. All in favor.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the first non-public minutes of October 22nd, Mr. Fuller seconded.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the second non-public minutes of October 22nd, Mr. Cahalane seconded.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the addendum to the minutes of May 7th, Mr. Cahalane seconded.
Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the manifest of October 27-November 2nd for \$20,137.06 Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 4:30.
The Public Hearing is to decide where the unanticipated funds of \$38,468.80 Municipal Aid from the State of NH would be allocated. *It was decided unanimously to be used for the purpose of infrastructure.*
Public Hearing concluded at 4:35

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

November 4th 4:30 non public and work session to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The tax rate has been set and signed by Selectmen as follows:
26.90, municipal portion 10.05, county 1.22, local school 13.51 and state school 2.12

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Meisner:

Mr. Cahalane:

John Bertogli's property has been cleared, debris removed and property owner allowed an area for snow removal trucks. Mr. Bertogli he is willing to sign an authorization for a culvert repair at the end of his driveway.

Mr. Cahalane met with the town attorney, more to be discussed in a non-public meeting (RSA 91-A:3, II(I). A DES forgiveness loan for Baily Road culvert is available, the tax rate would not be affected according to town attorney although the interest would need to be raised.

The junkyard issue has been resolved due to a letter from ZEO Rebecca Boyden dated June 25, 2019. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to move forward with the suggestions found in the letter, Mr. Fuller seconded.

Mr. Fuller:

The LP line will be repaired Friday.

\$4,500.00 has been received from the Preservation Alliance for the Town Hall Project. The Town Hall group is working on a new website. Cash donations that have been received will cover the costs.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to sign contract to move \$5548.00 from Preservation Society to Town funds, Mr. Cahalane seconded.

New Business:

Budget Review:

Police Budget: Discussion for this budget included a secretary and job description as well as an animal control officer position. Because of the pending hiring of a Police Chief, salaries are uncertain. This budget will be on hold until salaries are negotiated.

Dog Officer:

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the budget for Dog Officer, Mr. Fuller seconded.

Fire Warden:

Randy Burbank fielded questions pertaining to training and grants, forestry truck, and fire prevention programs at schools. Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the budget for the Fire Warden, Mr. Cahalane seconded.

Fire and Rescue:

Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the budget for Fire and Rescue, Mr. Fuller seconded.

Old Business:

Public Comment:

Ian MacMillan asked when the outside lighting will be repaired. Mr. Burke replied an electrician was coming to work on the lighting.

Recessed at 6:30 for Budget Committee Meeting

Regular session reconvened at 8:30

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

Selectman Meisner made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Cahalane seconded. Roll-call: Mike Cahalane-I John Meisner -I. Charles Fuller -I. Selectman Meisner called non-public 5:46pm. Selectman Meisner made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane, all in favor. Public session reconvened at 5:55 pm.

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

Adjourned: 8:53

11/05/2019

Michael Cahalane

Date

Charles Fuller

John Meisner