

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

**April 23, 2019**

Selectmen present: John Meisner  
Michael Cahalane  
Chuck Fuller

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the manifest of for the amount of \$17,079.00, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Emelyn Albert announced the Effingham Conservation Commission will be changing the location of their wildlife exhibition to be exhibited in June during the Drakes Corner Street Fair. Instead of the exhibition being held at the Library/Town Hall on the second floor, it has been moved to the Preservation Society Building at the end of Town House Road.

The Effingham annual roadside clean up event will be held this Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Interested parties should pick up bags and gear at the Municipal Office Building and return there around noontime for an indoor picnic.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Mr. Meisner:**

Mr. Meisner reported he received a call from Frank Carroll. The purpose of the call was to clear up any misunderstanding there may be regarding the recent sale of his company to All States Materials. Frank will still oversee operations of the company. The transition will be seamless for towns working with Frank.

**Mr. Cahalane:**

The contract for assessing services with Gwen English as been approved by the Board after some clarifications Gwen requested be addressed.

The Road Maintenance contract has been reviewed and was approved by the Board.

The contractor whose bid was accepted to do repairs to the Elm Street Bridge has reported that due to the number of projects approved this year at various Town Meetings, he may not get to the Effingham project until fall of this year. He has been asked to make a presentation on timber bridge structures. A timber bridge may be an affordable alternative for the replacement of the Snow Road bridge.

Mr. Cahalane will check the roads to determine which roads need grading at this time.

Mr. Cahalane discussed the need to put a structure over the container being used for glass disposal. The container hauling charges are based on tonnage rates. Rainfall is adding weight to the container. He also reminded his fellow Board members that they need to schedule a site inspection of the transfer station.

**Mr. Fuller:**

Mr. Fuller is working on getting estimates for repairs at the Library/Town Hall as a result of a windstorm which blew shingles from the roof. There was discussion about what other repairs to the roof should be done prior to replacing the damaged shingles.

Mr. Fuller is currently working on getting estimates on replacing the windows at the Town Hall/Library. He is hoping to get grant funding to assist with the cost of replacing windows at that facility. He also reported that the sills of that building need to be inspected.

Mr. Fuller is working with the Town’s attorney on an agreement with the Preservation Society regarding them acting as fiduciary agents for the Town in collecting and disbursing contributions made to help fund improvements to the historic Town Hall.

After some research Mr. Fuller has found that the laptop turned over to the Board by the supervisors of the checklist, needs to be kept for seven years before it can be destroyed.

**New Business:**

A letter will be sent to all State Representatives imploring them to support legislation to find alternatives to the present formula for determining school taxes assessed towns in the State. Effingham is going to see a very significant increase in school taxation this year.

Mr. Cahalane has located and recorded many of the town’s culverts. He has compiled a list of needed culverts and calculated the cost of purchasing these culverts when utilizing state pricing. Using the state’s schedule of pricing, the town will save approximately 39% over general pricing. He is also checking catch basins throughout town.

The Board is working on a draft of the Winter Road contract.

Mr. Cahalane reported that a new electrical service will be necessary at the transfer station for fire suppression equipment to be installed.

Mr. Cahalane told his fellow Board members he would like the Board to start discussion about non-typical warrant articles that may be considered for next year’s Town Warrant.

A meeting was held in Freedom regarding contracted ambulance services. A request for proposals is going to be drafted by officials in Madison.

Mr. Cahalane will be contacting Todd Nason to coordinate spring clean up of the Town’s facilities and Woodland Cemetery.

**Public Comment:**

Fire Chief Randy Burbank requested that the Board have the sand removed from the pavement around Fire Station #2. The department will be testing hoses on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the next hazard mitigation meeting has been rescheduled for 4:00 pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all interested parties to attend.

NO NON-PUBLIC SESSION NEEDED

Adjourned 6:00

4/30/2019

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Michael Cahalane

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Charles Fuller

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John Meisner