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**Effingham Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020**

Members Present: Theresa Swanick (chair), Gary Jewell (recording secretary), Grace Fuller, Elaine Chick, Mike Cahalane (selectman’s rep), Mark Hempton (alternate)

Members Absent: George Bull (vice-chair), Paul Potter.

Others Present: Nate Fogg.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Minutes

The PB reviewed the minutes from the February 6th, 2020 meeting.

Several changes including: second paragraph in new business, the first word “The” needs to be removed; The first sentence on the second page correct the spelling of Belmont; the fourth paragraph on page 2, second sentence replace “PB have” with “PB members has any”; and fifth paragraph, replace “there” with “they”.

Grace Fuller made a motion to approve the 2/6/2020 minutes as amended. Elaine Chick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Excavation Regulations

The PB reviewed the proposed Excavation Regulations. Definitions were reviewed. It seems very important to distinguish between an approving and non-approving abutter. Abutters are presumed to be non-approving unless written approving status is received from the abutter. Abutters are mentioned both in the definitions and section 6.

Exceptions were reviewed, including the volume of excavation exempt from the regulations. Many ordinances exempt up to 1,000 cubic yards and yet there is no mention of that particular volume in RSA 155:E. The volume reference may come from RSA 72-B:1(I)(2) where up to 1,000 cubic yards of material is exempt per year from the need to file an “Intent to Excavate” form with the town.

Any Excavation Permit Applicant needs to meet with the Conservation Commission about both wetland impacts and/or groundwater protection.

Section 5.5 needs to be added to section 5.4 and not be its own section.

In section 6.1 add local approvals, such as wetland and groundwater protection review.

Section 6.7 is to be removed because posting of roads and any exceptions to the posting are at the discretion of the BoS.

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Grace Fuller will update the date of the draft after making the changes discussed at this meeting. She welcomes input from other PB members.

Correspondence

The ZEO Report and issued permits were reviewed.

CIP Meeting

The CIP Committee will meet March 19th, 2020.

Next Meeting

The next PB meeting is set for April 2nd, which will be a regular meeting and include a continuation of review of the proposed excavation regulations.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Grace Fuller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Elaine Chick. The vote was 6-0 in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.