



**Town of Effingham, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes from March 9, 2021**

Selectmen present      Michael Cahalane  
                                    Chuck Fuller  
                                    Thomas Hart

Minutes transcribed by Christine Holbrook.  
Meeting available to public via ZOOM.  
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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.  
Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye, all in favor.  
Motion made by Mr. Cahalane to accept the nonpublic minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Hart seconded, all in favor.  
Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye, all in favor.  
Motion made by Mr. Cahalane to accept the manifest for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$22,198.40, Mr. Hart seconded. All in favor. Roll call: Michael Cahalane Aye, Chuck Fuller Aye, Tom Hart Aye, all in favor.

**PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm via web with all parties involved with CMA planning and Baily Road

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Roads are posted for weight limits as of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Trucks over 6 tons must be finished with activities prior to 9:00 am.

As mud season approaches common sense is the rule when using the softer roads, if they are soft there will be no delivery. Please contact the office if you are expecting a delivery.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Mr. Cahalane:**

Intent to cut for 412-27 signed, The Action Ambulance January report was received, DES subsurface permit received for lot 71 Pine River Path.

Conservation Chair Emelyn Albert has inquired about options for Earth day Town Clean up. April 4<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> would be the designated dates. A social distancing BBQ is planned for those involved on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Selectmen agreed to the dates and will also be picking up the bags along the roadside. They are asking that no oversized items be left for pick up for practical reasons. Mr. Fuller added the aluminum can trailer will be at the Transfer Station for can recycling.

He has responded to the property owner on Simon Hill Road pertaining to plowing issues.

He will be following up with HEB, Hansen Bridge and GMI on recent price point discussions. Hansen Bridge has all permits and licensing in place.

A long list of follow ups will be conducted this week.

The Fire Department needs updating on nonprofit status, more information is needed.

**Mr. Fuller:**

Mr. Fuller announced the Library is looking for someone to clean a couple hours a week. Chris Garcia of Cobalt Construction who is overseeing the building projects at the Library has provided six proposals to begin work. The contract still needs editing for clarity.

**Mr. Hart:**

Mr. Hart reported the compactor at Transfer Station needs service. Use caution when entering Huntress Bridge Road from Rt 153 as it is torn up. Evans Bros. will be repairing shortly.

He attended the Historic District Commission meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> and announced the Historic District Chair will be stepping down after Town meeting. Susan Slack will be Taking that seat. The idea of adding a district to property cards was proposed for clarification to interested parties. Avitar will be contacted for follow up.

Mr. Hart would like to start a Community Action group to encourage goodwill in the Town. Interested residents should contact him through the office.

**Town Administrator Audrey Fraizer:**

Ms. Fraizer reported that five out of seven computers have been installed. The Police Station and Zoning are next, as well as other miscellaneous tasks are still needed by Lenharth.

The interview for the assessing position looks positive. She will be interviewing for the Office Assistant position Wednesday morning. The MS 737 has been prepared. MS 61 is awaiting DRA verification.

**Dave Strauss Budget Chair reporting:**

The Budget Committee had planned on a \$1.00 increase to GWRSD and the School Board budget calls for \$2.00 as there is an increase on per student costs. Also, internal government cuts are driving changes. He also added there is an \$800,000.00 shortfall in collection of taxes.

**ZEO weekly Report received.**

**Public comment via ZOOM**

A resident asked about logging trucks on Parsonsfield Road as a cut through. Mr. Cahalane responded the weight limit postings are going up.

Q. How do you go about getting on agenda?

Mr. Cahalane responded depending on subject matter you can call Audrey for appointment for agenda or call-in during meeting on Zoom.

Q. Will the Snow Road application be on website?

After the contract is signed it can go on website, there are many factors that offset the numbers as funds are coming from USDA grant to offset soft costs.

Q. Is there a timeline for opening office to the public?

There is no State mandate for towns to open to the public. The Board is watching the vaccination progress for the safety of the staff.

Q. Why wasn't there a drive through option for March 9<sup>th</sup> voting?

This town is not equipped for all options as we have a limited staff.

Q. Why aren't the ZOOM codes on the Town website?

Audrey replied the codes change weekly and posting them in a timely manner is a concern as we have an offsite webmaster.

Q. Is there money in the budget to hire full time firefighters?

No, the town and warrant article are not proposing to hire fulltime fighters. Chief Burbank is looking for part time staffing on an on call floating basis to cover shifts.

Q. Is the Town Report ready?

The Town report is being finalized and being proofed then going to print, then will be posted on the Town website.

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

**RSA 91-A:3, II (a, c)**

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 @ 9:07 am. Selectman Fuller made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane. Public session reconvened at 9:46 am.

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

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 @ 11:28 am. Selectman Fuller made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Cahalane. Public session reconvened at 11:55 am.

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

Motion made to seal minutes by Mr. Cahalane seconded by Mr. Fuller all I favor.

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

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

Adjourned 11:56

March 16, 2021



Michael Cahalane

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Date



Charles Fuller



Thomas Hart