



Town of Effingham, NH Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2021

PRESENT: Michael Cahalane, Chairman
Chuck Fuller, Member
Thomas Hart, Member

Audrey Fraizer, Town Administrator

Minutes transcribed by Audrey Fraizer.
Meeting available to public via ZOOM.
The Regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cahalane at 9:00 a.m.

Selectmen reviewed mail, signature and manifest folders.

Minutes are in draft format but not on letterhead. They will be signed next week.

Chairman Cahalane made a motion to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$57,384.18. Selectman Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor.

The signature folder had a couple of intents to cut. There were also a couple of land use change applications taking land out of current use.

Town Administrator Comments:

- The Department of Revenue Administration will be here Monday May 3, 2021 to audit the Town's real estate valuation.
- Timothy Goodwin is attending the meeting to discuss Wolfeboro Community Television.
- There is one outstanding 91-A request for Mr. Edwards related to legal fees spent by the Town on a specific property.
- The Town Report should be available at the end of the week.
- Request from Freedom Food Pantry to collect non-perishables at the election.

Guest via Zoom:

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro Community Television presented a proposal to incorporate Effingham into the Public Education Channels. They provide the Public Education Channel covering the Governor Wentworth School District (GWSD). Wolfeboro has recently come to an agreement with Charter Spectrum, as part of the agreement Charter Spectrum carries the GWSD channel. The television station is working with Charter Spectrum to get the Wolfeboro Community Television (WCT) signals into Effingham. What Mr. Goodwin is proposing is that the Town of Effingham make WCT the Town's Public Education Government (PEG) access. There is an FCC ruling that requires cable providers to offer Towns a PEG option. Franchise Agreement should exist with the Town. Cable users pay franchise fees that are paid to the Town offset the PEG channel. Mr. Goodwin is proposing that Effingham utilize these fees to bring WCT into Effingham. The Town does not have a good track record of working with Spectrum. Selectman Fuller is still chasing Spectrum, Chairman Cahalane expressed that Mr. Goodwin

may be able to assist the Town in working with Spectrum. Mr. Goodwin also has difficulties but encouraged the Town to continue to pursue a contract with Charter Spectrum. He will send Audrey the name of the person that Wolfeboro with. The BoS will revive the effort and hopefully the Town can move forward with WCT in the near term. Chairman Cahalane will make a few phone calls.

Selectmen's Comments and Reports:

Selectman Hart:

- Selectman Hart has been reviewing the sign list and where they will be installed. Chairman Cahalane will be picking up the signs later today.
- Chairman Cahalane asked if Selectman Hart can also update the street light status. The Town Administrator will be addressing the changes with Eversource.

Selectman Fuller:

- Selectman Fuller updated the Board on the Historic Town Hall project. Another contract came in to sign. He will work with the office to confirm insurance certificates. Beech River Mill will not be a contract as they are only a purchased commodity. The environmental firm is going to be at the building on Thursday to take samples, after analyzed a quote for remediation will be requested.
- The aluminum can fund raiser is going well. There are collection locations at the Library and at the Town Hall. Ossipee camp ground may be willing to have a collection bin again this year. Collection will occur through the summer into early autumn. Not only is it a fund raiser but it reduces the waste management costs, last year 1.25 tons of aluminum was taken out of the Town's recycle stream. A volunteer sorts the earth day bags and takes out the aluminum and the glass which also reduces the cost of recycling.
- Selectman Fuller attended a virtual contract training with Primex. He will share the PowerPoint when it arrives.
- A handout about the Historic Townhall project will be available at the election.

Chairman Cahalane:

- Chairman Cahalane is looking into to construct an aluminum table to separate glass at the transfer station.
- Recommend moving the May 11th BoS meeting to May 12th at 9:00 a.m.
- Escrow account was set up for a subdivision condition.
- Chairman Cahalane will be meeting with Todd Nason meeting to look at intersections with State roads.
- There are some mapping concerns of boat launch area at 153 is not accurately reflected on the tax maps.
- Beaver activity at a couple of locations. Traps will be set after Evans Brothers have cleared the culverts.
- Blue bag pickup. Approximately 54 bags have been picked up. It is lower than last year, hopefully a push will be made this weekend. A majority of bags collected to date were from the Effingham Elementary School effort.
- Chairs have been ordered for the Town Meeting. It will allow social distancing; the cost will be \$90.
- Chairman Cahalane attended the ambulance meeting with the participating 6 towns. He brought up concerns and questions on the price structure. Regular meetings are important. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall. He shared that the Town of Effingham has a great relationship with Action Ambulance, touring the facilities was very informative and helpful. Action Ambulance is providing outstanding service.

- The assessing kiosk is up and running on the Town website.
- Election set-up, Chairman Cahalane will talk to Deanna regarding logistics.
- Road signs will be picked up this week.
- Reaching out to Jeff Libby regarding trees at Transfer Station. Selectman Fuller asked if Chairman Cahalane can ask Mr. Libby if he has any beams. The library needs 13' to 14' by 8" in diameter beams.
- Chairman Cahalane spoke with the Town of Ossipee Recreation department. The cost to Effingham is anticipated to increase in 2022. Chairman Cahalane has requested how many individual children participate. He also asked for an overview of the programs and potentially put a link on Effingham's website.
- Chairman Cahalane has a call to Dean Robinson at DES regarding participating in the Waste Oil Grant program again.
- A meeting with the Fire Department for Wednesday April 7 at 7:00 pm Station Two needs to be posted.
- In speaking with Ron Evans regarding bridge maintenance and spring cleaning, Mr. Evans recommended washing the bridges. Mr. Evans also recommended the sweeping the intersections like the Town did historically. Chairman Cahalane gave them the go ahead. Also, the pot holes around town are being addressed.
- Waste Management was at the Transfer Station yesterday for the annual inspection. We anticipate a report on any findings.
- Chairman Cahalane mention when taking land out of current use, a portion of the tax goes to the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission utilizes the money to acquire property for habitat protection. The Town Administrator will look at current policy. To change the amount of how much goes to the Conservation Commission a Warrant Article has to be submitted.
- It is time to schedule a meeting with ZEO officer for a general update.
- Chairman Cahalane asked Selectman Fuller about propane tanks.
- Chairman Cahalane will be working off of the list of culverts from the Conservation Commission and identifying how many 30" the Town may need.

NEW BUSINESS: Opening the Town Hall will be discussed with staff.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NON-PUBLIC:

Chairman Cahalane made a motion to go into non-public under 91-A:3 II(c) at 10:15 a.m., Selectman Hart seconded it under 91-A: 3 II a Roll call: Fuller Aye, Hart Aye, Cahalane Aye.

Chairman Cahalane made a motion to come out of non-public at 10:36 a.m., Selectmen Hart seconded. Roll call: Fuller Aye, Hart Aye, Cahalane Aye

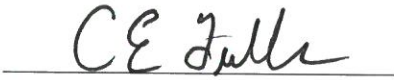
Minutes not sealed.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Hart made a motion to adjourn. at 10:37 Selectman Fuller seconded. All in Favor.



Michael Cahalane

Dated: May 4, 2021



Charles Fuller



Thomas Hart