

Town of Effingham

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Board of Selectmen's

Minutes for
May 25, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Fuller, Selectmen Hart & Espie, Town Administrator Fraizer, Administrative Assistant McWhirter.

Meeting available to the public via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fuller at 9:01am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of May 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the manifest dated May 27, 2021 in the amount of \$72,029.54. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Hart and passed (3-0).

The Signature folder contained Veteran Tax Credits and Yield Tax Assessments.

The mail folder contained a letter from NH Electric Co-op regarding scenic road tree trimming and a letter of gratitude from the Freedom Food Pantry.

There were (2) 91-A Request from Mr. Edwards requesting a copy of the contract with Hanson Bridge for Snow Road Bridge and a request for DHHS contact information.

Announcements of upcoming events:

- Carroll County Commissioners Meeting May 26, 2021
- Preservation Society plant sale, Lords Hill Meeting House bake sale and Library book sale all on Saturday May 29, 2021
- Lakes Region Planning Commission June 2, 2021

Town Administrators Comments:

- Regarding the 91-A request from Mr. Edwards, no one remembers having a conversation with DHHS. DHHS contact information is available on their website.
- Administrator Fraizer thanked Mr. Espie for meeting her at the cemetery with Mr. Strauss. Lord's Funeral home will clean up the from the last internment.
- Ms. Fraizer is working with HealthTrust to complete paperwork and working on DRA paperwork for after town meeting.
- The Covid-19 information on the website needs to be revisited.
- Per DRA, article 26 regarding the Elderly Exemption article that passed at town meeting will not be effective until April 1, 2022.
- Ms. Fraizer is out for the rest of the week.

Selectmen's comments and reports:

Selectman Hart

- Selectman Hart is working with a locksmith to get the safe in the Police Department opened so the Town Clerk can use it.
- He has contacted Evans Brothers with concerns on Cemetery Road. He will ask them to put up street signs including "No thru Trucks". Selectman Hart will speak to Chief Duchesne about any other street signs that may be needed.
- Administrator Fraizer will contact Eversource again regarding turning off streetlights.

Selectman Espie

- Selectman Espie discussed a number of road concerns and the need for grading. The board discussed renting a watering truck to complete some of the road work. The sand piles have been cleaned up throughout town. Chairman Fuller will get some pictures of the damaged stonewall. He stated that several sections of the wall were overgrown with shrubbery.
- Selectman Espie revisited the office hours and the timeframe for reopening the offices to the public. He feels July is too long to wait. This subject will be revisited at the end of June. He would also like to discuss the BoS meetings be reschedule to 5:00pm. This will be revisited.
- Selectman Espie would like to see the Boston Post Cane be presented. Selectman Hart will follow up.

Chairman Fuller

- Snow Road Bridge construction has begun. The detour is Route 153, up Colcord Hill Road and Snow road. He repositioned some detour signage for better visibility.
- Reminder that the Transfer Station stickers renew on June 1st. They may be purchased at the Transfer Station for NH residents. Non-residents need to purchase them at the Selectmen's Office.

Old Business:

- Chairman Fuller asked Selectman Espie to take the lead on getting certificates to the 6th graders. The 6th grade graduation/ceremony is June 21st a 6:00pm.
- Chairman Fuller received information from Spectrum regarding the franchise payments. Many towns use this revenue to support cable TV, internet and other broadband utility improvements. He will reach out to Wolfeboro Community TV for additional information about town access and how it works.
- Mike Cahalane will complete his 3-year appointment as Health Officer. This position is covered under the towns Primex insurance.

New Business:

- The Transfer Station has a terrible tick infestation near the appliance cage. JP Pest Control will be contacted for immediate treatment options. Administrator Fraizer is looking into purchasing tick tubes for ongoing tick management. The overgrowth should also be addressed.
- Chairman Fuller stated the board should participate in the NHMA call about National League of Cities Briefing on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, regarding assistance coming to the town in the next 2 years. The call is May 26h.
- Two citizen petitions were delivered late afternoon yesterday. These will be taken under advisement and be discussed at a later date.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

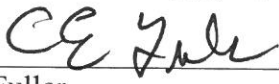
Appointment: John Hatch, Wayne Gilbert and JT Harmon from Action Ambulance

Mr. Hatch met with the board to review the activity for last year. This is the first full year of the contract and he is very happy with what has been happening. He has enjoyed working with Fire Chief Burbank and the members of the department. He feels there is great communication and working relationship. Action Ambulance is excited to be a community partner. Over this last year they have exceeded the contract specifications. They have a paramedic on all 3 dedicated ambulances and replaced 2 of the ambulances last year and the 3rd will be replaced this summer. Beginning Sept 2021, they will attend quarterly meetings with a representative from all towns to discuss any issues, etc.

Adjournment: Chairman Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am and enter a work session.


~~Michael Cabalane~~ Lenny Espie

Dated: June 1, 2021


Chuck Fuller


Thomas Hart

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene McWhirter

