

Town of Effingham

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Board of Selectmen's

Minutes for
June 8, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Fuller, Selectmen Hart and Espie, Town Administrator Fraizer and 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 stated 5 minutes per individual will be allowed during public comment.

Signature folder:

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hart and passed (3-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's Work Session minutes of May 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Hart and passed (3-0).

- Oath per RSA 75:7
- Yield Tax on Timber Cut
- Elderly Exemption

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the Manifest dated June 10, 2021, in the amount of \$22,927.86. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Espie and passed (3-0).

Mail folder:

- Junkyard May 2021 update
- Carroll County Commissioners meeting June 9, 2021 at 9am

A 91-A request from Jim Giguere requesting the Town's Internal Control Procedures. He was sent a copy.

Administrator and Selectmen Comments:

Administrator Fraizer:

- Administrator Fraizer is preparing for the auditors on Thursday and Friday.
- Ms. Fraizer is continuing to work on updating Systems of Award Management (SAM) on line, working on the Used Oil Grant and GOPHER reconciliation as part of the Covid relief funds.

Selectman Hart:

- Selectman Hart reported that all the roads are graded and the Calcium Chloride treatments have been completed. Cemetery Road still needs to be fixed.
- The Boston Post Cane is being presented this afternoon.
- Selectman Hart is working on the ISO dry hydrants and to have the town surveyed.

Selectman Espie:

- Selectman Espie reported a tree down on Molly Philbrick Road. The tree fell into the woods, no action taken.
- The matter regarding demand for payment from Consolidated Communication for repairs to cables on Simon Hill and Philbrick Road has been closed. The cables were abandoned, therefore there is no cause for further action.
- Selectman Espie spoke with Chief Burbank about repairs needed for the dry hydrants near the station.

Chairman Fuller:

- June tax bills are available on the tax kiosk to pay on-line. They should be in the mail within the week.
- Chairman Fuller reported the Cyanobacteria bloom on Province Lake is dissipating, pay attention to the signage.
- Effingham Conservation Commission asked the board to supply 5 cubic yards of gavel for the parking area at Larry Leavitt Preserve. Selectman Espie will see if NH DOT can assist, this is not a town road.
- A Waste Management truck took down wires on Colcord Hill Road. Consolidated Communication has not responded, Chairman Fuller will roll up wires for now.

Old Business:

- Chairman Fuller discussed the contract for the Snow Road Bridge. The contract uses standard legal language for bridge debris removal. The bridge builder is responsible for removing and disposing of all debris. Once the builder removes debris it is not owned by the town. There was no room for this debris at the Transfer Station, so Mr. Cahalane offered to take the debris to his property. Before the work began, it was communicated that the town wanted to keep any large pieces of granite and would be separated for further use by the town. Mr. Cahalane has a pile of granite off to the side of his property for future pickup by the town. The accusations of “Theft of Town Property” or “Stolen Granite” is simply inaccurate. Per the contract, the town does not own the granite debris being removed. Therefore, he could not have stolen it. In the future it would be helpful for concerned citizens to contact the town office for correct information before mudslinging on social media. This project is moving along as expected and all protocol is being followed. The bridge builder has been in contact with NH DES and HEB Engineers throughout the project.

- Chairman Fuller read the following anonymous letter addressed to Selectman Espie at the request of the person accused the letter:

“Dear Sir, I am glad you got elected and maybe some of the corruption and good old boy network will get taken down. It is my understanding that Mr. Paul Bartoswicz has not paid his taxes in several years and his information is not available on the ta kiosk, and that Mike Cahalane was covering for him and hiding the fact his taxes remain unpaid. Additionally, he is putting a driveway on his property on Green Mountain Road and I see no evidence of a driveway permit is this another thing that Mikey was covering up in return for Bartoswicz being such as diehard supporter, because it is the only way I can imagine someone would support that egotistical idiot. A supporter of yours.”

After some research by the office staff, Mr. Bartoswicz is current with his taxes and urrently carries a credit balance. The driveway in question is on property that he sold several years ago. So, moving forward it would be helpful to obtain the facts before making false accusations.

- The town will continue to work with the Province Lake Association to address concerns on the Bailey Road Culvert. The edge of the road is collapsing and burying the opening to the culvert.
- HEB Engineering has been contacted. CMA to define bridge needs looking at 3 different options. The town is applying for a grant to do this work.
- Selectman Espie to contact the school regarding the 6th grade diplomas. The Effingham Library will be funding a summer kid's program and providing books to the school.
- Later, the board will discuss a change in Select Board meeting times.

New Business:

- Moose Plate Grant letter will be provided to the Select Board for signatures later.

At 10:00 am, Chairman Fuller made a motion to recess the meeting for 40 minutes.

The board returned to the meeting at 10:40am. A beaver diverter was installed on Pine River Road. The board will investigate the cost to use in other areas of town.

Department and Committee Updates:

- Zoning Officer Rebecca Boyden met with the board and discussed the status of the 11 Junkyard properties. Currently 1 property is in active litigation, 2 properties were sent to the attorney, 1 property owner is actively cleaning up their property. There are 2 properties that may need help and guidance in cleaning up their properties. Zoning Officer Boyden will get additional information on how to facilitate a town-wide junk clean-up day.
- A list of RV permits will be provided to the board and will be pursued more diligently. Human waste needs to be disposed of by NH Standards.
- Ms. Boyden to review when she opens office hours.
- Ms. Boyden will follow up on the new building on Rt. 153 regarding a building permit.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjournment: Selectman Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35am. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene McWhirter



Charles Fuller

Dated: June 15, 2021



Thomas Hart



Leonard Espie

