

## Town of Effingham

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## Board of Selectmen's

MINUTES for  
October 13, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Fuller, Selectmen Hart and Espie, Police Chief Duchesne, ZBA Chairman Swanick, Budget Committee Chairman Strauss, Town Administrator Fraizer, Administrative Assistant McWhirter and several members of the public.

Meeting available to the public on Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fuller at 9:02am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Signature Folder:

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the selectmen's minutes dated October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hart and passed (3-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the selectmen's non-public minutes dated October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

Chairman Fuller made a motion to seal the selectmen's non-public minutes dated October 5, 2021 for 6 months. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hart and passed (3-0),

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the manifest dated October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$45,671.56. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

The board approved and signed the following items:

- Morton Salt agreement
- Appointment for the Deputy Treasurer
- 2022 HealthTrust rate renewal

### Mail Folder:

- Prescribed burn in October, 55 acres of Pine River State Forest in Ossipee.
- Town of Wakefield, Public Hearing for 120' Tower Province Lake Road
- HealthTrust change in rates.
- Street light corner by Leavitt Road and Route 25 – The board will review the request. Selectman Espie does not agree a light is needed, there has never been a light there.

### Announcement:

- Tax Collector /Town Clerk office is closed the remainder of the week.

### Administrator and Selectmen's Comments:

#### Town Administrator Fraizer:

- Town Administrator Fraizer followed up with DRA regarding the MS-434 & MS-535. They will be signed and submitted.

- The waste oil container is shipping the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. Followed up with the State on the oil grant program, waiting on response.
- The auditors stated the 2020 draft audit should be available in a week or so.
- There is one additional invoice from CMA. Once that is paid the grant can be closed.
- Reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> amendment presentation and will be ordering authorized personnel only signs.
- The board approved the draft 2022 - 2023 road maintenance RFP and will be advertised.
- Effingham Falls Cemetery agreement is null and void. The agreement does not meet the requirements for the number of unrelated trustees.
- Town Administrator Fraizer has received (3) 91-A requests.

#### **Selectman Hart:**

- Selectman Hart submitted a list of road signs that are needed throughout the town. The board will review.
- Danny Jordan is still having equipment issues and has not begun the roadside mowing. The board agreed to wait a little longer to see when he can begin.

#### **Selectman Espie:**

- Selectman Espie has not been able to get in touch with Kevin Cote regarding the completion of the waste oil building.

#### **Chairman Fuller:**

- Chairman Fuller stated the sinkhole on Champion Hill Road has been repaired.
- The DOT has been notified to include the Town of Effingham for road studies next year.
- Chairman Fuller requested that the audit report be included on the town website when it is finalized.
- Medical insurance rates for 2022 have decreased by 8%.
- Chairman Fuller inquired about the ISO rating concerning dry hydrants. Selectman Espie will reach out to Chief Burbank to work on completing the necessary work.
- The board approved the advertisement from MRI for a new Fire Chief. The chief will be expected to work 24hrs per week. The net increase to the 2022 budget will be \$9400.
- The external painting at the Historic Town House/Library will be completed this week.
- Selectman Espie will ask Fire Chief Burbank to work on the safety issues at Ryefield Apartments.

#### **Department and Committee Updates:**

##### **Police Department:**

- Chief Duchesne presented the police departments statistics for September 2021. Chief Duchesne stated the canine training is going well, Faro should be certified in drugs and tracking in 2 weeks.
- Chairman Fuller stated that the department has been complimented on their professionalism. The school was very appreciative that the department participated in walk to school date. The Chief said they should be available for the Halloween parade.
- Diane Jureki asked about the blind spot at the corner of Granite and Nutter Roads. Selectman Hart will look at it.

At 10:45am, the board recessed the meeting until 10:55am.

##### **Review 2022 budgets:**

The board discussed and reviewed the following budgets for 2022.

The board met with ZBA Chairman Swanick to review the 2022 budget. After a brief discussion about putting legal expense in the ZBA budget the board decided it was not necessary. The legal expenses will be tracked by department in Quickbooks.

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the following proposed 2022 budgets. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

- 4210 Police - \$234,367
- 4414 Animal Control – \$6,700
- 4191 Zoning Board - \$4,162
- 4151 Budget Committee - \$1,394
- 4550 Library - \$62,035

Chairman Fuller made a motion to approve and sign the following proposed 2022 budgets. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hart and passed (3-0).

- 4323 Solid Waste Collection \$95,620
- 4324 Solid Waste Disposal \$75,650
- 4445.2 Meals on Wheels \$4,000

The board reviewed 4520 Parks & Recreation and will revisit at a later meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Diane Jurecki asked the board if they have a volunteer to serve with her on the Carroll County Broadband Commission. Diane will put something out on Effingham Connect and Beautiful Effingham.

Mark McConkey, representative for Meena LLC spoke about an issue with the driveway onto Leavitt Road. This driveway was put in before Effingham adopted driveway regulations. The board agreed to send a letter to the Effingham Planning Board stating that the driveway is valid and should be permitted to remain in place.

The October 19, 2021 Selectmen's meeting has been changed to Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

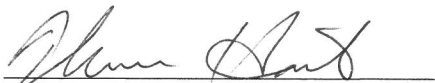
Adjournment: At 12:00pm, Selectman Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Espie and passed (3-0).

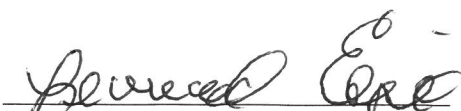
Next Meetings: Board of Health Meeting Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:00 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen Tuesday October 26, 2021 9:00 a.m.  
Budget Committee, Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darlene McWhirter

Dated: October 20, 2021

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Charles Fuller

  
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Thomas Hart

  
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Leonard Espie

