

MINUTES OF THE EFFINGHAM TOWN MEETING 2010

Session I: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

J. Michael Cauble, Moderator Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM; a motion was made by Marilyn Maughan, seconded by Sheila Jones to forego the reading of the first 4 articles. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Cauble declared the polls open.

Susan Slack, Moderator closed the polls at 7:00 PM; Ballot Clerks Marilyn Maughan, Deanna Amaral, Tracy Cragin, Gwenda English, J. Michael Cauble and Timothy Eldridge counted the town ballots for election of officers and the 3 questions. The Governor Wentworth Regional School District ballots were delivered to Wolfboro for counting by Chief of Police Joseph Collins. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM to re-convene at the Effingham Elementary School on Saturday, March 13, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

The Checklist listed 943 registered voters, 214 ballots were cast, including 10 absentee ballots. Ms. Slack announced the following results for the election of officers. Please note that write-in votes of less than five, unless critical to the outcome, are not included in these minutes.

Moderator, two year term:	Susan Slack	189
Selectmen, three year term:	William Piekut	138
	Arthur Surette	15*
	Christopher Kanca	8*
Supervisor of the Checklist, six year term:	Sheila Jones	162
	David M. Manley, Jr.	40
Trustee of Trust Funds, three year term:	David M. Manley, Jr.	178
Trustee of Library, three year term (two positions):	Henry Spencer	162
	Cheryle A. Feirick	157
Budget Committee Member, three year term (2 positions):	Paul Bartoswicz	162
	Randy Burbank	159
Planning Board Member, three year term (2 positions):	Joanna Bull	171
	Christopher Kanca	6*
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, one year term:	Timothy White	20*
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, three year term:	James Pittman	149
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, three year term:	Francis P. Marchand, Jr.	154
Cemetery Trustee, one year term:	N. Eric Potter	193

*Write-in votes

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Number 2010-1 as proposed by the Planning Board to add a new Article 20, as per RSA 674:58-61, allowing single family workforce housing in all districts except the Historic and Province Lake Districts and allowing multi-family workforce housing within 500' of Rt. 25 and Rt. 153 but not in the Village or Historic Districts? Yes 131, No 80.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Number 2010-2 as proposed by the Planning Board to add a new Article 21, as per RSA 674:62-66, allowing small wind energy systems in all districts except the Historic and Province Lake Districts? Yes 168, No 42.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Number 2010-3 as proposed by the Planning Board to make various formatting corrections and minor housekeeping changes within the Zoning Ordinances? Yes 152, No 55.

Session II: Susan Slack, Moderator gaveled the meeting to order 9:15 AM on Saturday, March 13, 2010 with approximately 150 Effingham residents and non-residents in attendance. Town Clerk Marilynn Maughan, read the election results from March 9, 2010. Moderator Slack then proceeded to explain how the meeting would be conducted and read Article 5 to the voters present.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 154:1, I(b), to organize the Town of Effingham Fire Department as follows: a fire chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of a Selectmen appointed review board. Officers and firefighters will be appointed to the Town's fire department upon the recommendation of the fire chief, by the Board of Selectmen. This requires a majority vote.

The article was moved by John Meisner, seconded by David Manley. Discussion began with Selectman Meisner reading a statement prepared by the Board clarifying the issues surrounding this article. Attorney Matthew Serge gave a statement outlining the insurance issues regarding the Fire Department following their standard operating procedures and the duties of the Fire Chief with the Board of Selectmen being the employer not the overseers of the Fire Department, with the volunteers being employees. Acting Fire Chief John Burdette spoke against the article. A motion was made by Henry Spencer, seconded by John Meisner to amend the article to include "...a fire chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen to a three year term...". The amendment to Article 5 passed by majority hand vote. Following the passing of the amendment to Article 5, Michael Cauble made a motion to move the article, seconded by Eve Klotz. Motion passed by majority hand vote. The final wording of Article 5 is: "To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 154:1, I(b), to organize the Town of Effingham Fire Department as follows: a fire chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen to a three year term upon the recommendation of a Selectmen appointed review board. Officers and firefighters will be appointed to the Town's fire department upon the recommendation of the fire chief, by the Board of Selectmen.

Moderator Slack then announced that she had been given a petition by five voters requesting a secret ballot vote and we then proceeded to vote by secret ballot. The petition is attached herein by reference. Once everyone was given an opportunity to cast their ballot vote, Marilynn Maughan, Town Clerk and Deanna Amaral, Deputy Town Clerk, counted the ballots. Article 5 passed by ballot vote: 94 yes ballots, 44 no ballots.

Gwen English made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5, seconded by Michael Cauble. The motion passed by majority hand vote. Moderator Susan Slack announced a moment of silence in honor of those Effingham residents that passed away during 2009.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$31,511.00) to contract the services of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. for the year 2010. This sum represents payment for the fifth year of a five-year level funded contract that provides for a full update of property values to market rate in 2010 as required by RSA 75:8-a, as well as general assessing services throughout each of the five years and field data verification of information appearing on property tax cards.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by John Meisner. There was no discussion. The article passed by majority hand vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) for road reconstruction.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by John Meisner. Discussion: Sheila Jones asked what roads the funds would be used on. Selectman Piekut listed Bailey Road, Colcord Hill Road, Moody Road and Granite Road. William Brooks asked for an explanation as to what the difference was between Article 7 and Article 8. Selectman Piekut explained that Article 7 involved repairs to the roads and Article 8 involved the paving of the roads. Following the brief discussion, Article 7 passed by majority hand vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) for road resurfacing and sealing.

The article was moved by John Meisner, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. Following a short discussion, the article was passed by majority hand vote.

A motion was made by Michael Pilkovsky, seconded by Paul Bartoswicz, to discuss Article 11 prior to Article 9. The motion passed by majority hand vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts:

(Account balances as of 12/31/09)

Invasive Aquatic Plants	\$ 500.00	(\$ 10,339.85)
Fire Truck/Equipment	10,000.00	(\$ 136,595.01)
Municipal Maintenance Garage	500.00	(\$ 7,277.82)
Police Cruiser/Equipment	7,000.00	(\$ 15,981.75)

Public Safety Buildings	2,500.00	(\$ 44,694.02)
Rescue Vehicle/Equipment	2,500.00	(\$ 34,048.65)
Salt Shed	2,000.00	(\$ 7,277.82)
Town Owned Bridges	8,000.00	(\$ 22,727.66)
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	2,000.00	(\$ 13,448.26)
Total in above Capital Reserve accounts:		\$ 292,390.84

Article 9 was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by John Meisner. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Michael Pilkovsky, seconded by Michael Cauble, to reduce the Police Cruiser/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to \$3,000.00. Following a brief discussion, the motion to reduce the Police Cruiser/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to \$3,000.00 passed by majority hand vote. Following the vote to reduce the Police Cruiser/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to \$3,000.00, Article 9 as amended to \$31,000.00 passed by majority hand vote.

Motion was made by Gwenda English, seconded by Eve Klotz to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6 through 9. The motion passed by majority hand vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the undesignated fund balance to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The \$1,000.00 was received from the Town of Parsonsfield in 2009 for Fire Department Mutual Aid.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. No discussion. Article 10 passed by majority hand vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the undesignated fund balance to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The \$10,000.00 was received from police detail reimbursements.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by John Meisner. Following a brief discussion, including an explanation by Police Chief Joseph Collins regarding the replacement of the police cruiser, Article 11 passed by majority hand vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the Emergency Management/Disaster Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by John Meisner. Following a brief discussion, Article 12 was passed by majority hand vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by John Meisner. There was no discussion. Article 13 passed by majority hand vote.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to be added to the Planning and Land Use Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by William Piekut. Motion was made to amend this article to \$1,000.00 by Henry Spencer, seconded by Eve Klotz. The amendment to the article passed by majority hand vote. A second motion was made to amend this article to \$8,000.00 by Stefan Zalewski, seconded by Barbara Thompson. This amendment to the amended article failed by majority hand vote. A third motion was made to amend this article to \$3,000.00 by Eve Klotz, seconded by Michael Cauble. The amendment to the amended article passed by a majority hand vote. Article 14 as amended to \$3,000.00, then passed by 44 yes hand votes to 32 no hand votes.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be added to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund previously established.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by John Meisner. Following a brief discussion, Article 15 passed by majority hand vote.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the Library Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. Following a brief discussion, Article 16 passed by majority hand vote.

A motion was made by James Miller, seconded by Avril Davis to move the discussion and vote on Articles 18 through 26 ahead of Article 17. The motion passed by majority hand vote.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee and Selectmen's recommended sum of \$1,239,764.00 for the ensuing year for general operations.

The article was moved by Paul Bartoswicz, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. Following a brief discussion, Article 17 was passed with no changes to the general operating budget by majority hand vote.

4130 Executive	
Benevolence Expenses	200.00
Computer & Network Expense	1,800.00
Mileage	150.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	3,000.00
Personnel Background Checks	2,000.00
Postage	1,000.00
Salaries	

Administrative Assistant	31,500.00
Clerical Support	7,700.00
Moderator	500.00
Selectmen	21,000.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	<u>300.00</u>
Total Salaries	61,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Town Meeting Expense	200.00
Town Report Printing	1,950.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL 4130 – Executive	73,100.00
4140 – Election & Registration	
Advertising	150.00
Association Dues	20.00
Books & Publications	350.00
Mileage	75.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	800.00
Postage	1,100.00
Salaries	
Ballot Clerks	1,300.00
Deputy Town Clerk	7,000.00
Town Clerk	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total Salaries	17,300.00
Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL 4140 – Election & Registration	20,720.00
4141 – Checklist Supervisors	
Advertising	150.00
Postage	100.00
Salaries	1,350.00
Supplies/mileage	300.00
Workshops and Seminars	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL 4141 – Checklist Supervisors	2,200.00
4150 – Financial Administration	
Association Dues	20.00
Auditors	5,000.00
Bank Service Charges	150.00
Financial/Banking supplies	550.00
Mileage	75.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	500.00
Postage	3,200.00

Registry of Deeds	750.00
Salaries	
Deputy Tax Collector	7,000.00
Deputy Treasurer	725.00
Tax Collector	9,000.00
Treasurer	1,717.00
Total Salaries	<u>18,442.00</u>
Software Support	1,800.00
Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL 4150 – Financial Administration	31,212.00
4141 – Budget Committee	
Advertising	85.00
Mileage	30.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL 4141 – Budget Committee	265.00
4152- Assessing	
Equipment & Supplies	300.00
Mileage	100.00
Postage	400.00
Salaries	14,000.00
Software Support	2,100.00
Tax Map Maintenance	3,300.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL 4152 – Assessing	20,450.00
4153 – Legal	20,000.00
4155 – Payroll Expenses	
New Hampshire Retirement – Town	18,000.00
4155- Payroll Expenses – Other	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL 4155 – Payroll Expenses	38,000.00
4191- Planning & Zoning	
4191.1 – Planning Board	4,414.00
4191.2 - Enforcement Officer	10,315.00
4191.3 – Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,955.00
4194.4 - Historical District Commission	<u>358.00</u>
TOTAL 4191 – PLANNING & ZONING	17,042.00
4194 – Government Buildings	
Building maintenance/supplies/equipment	11,000.00
Electricity	13,500.00
Heating Fuel	12,000.00

Salaries	5,500.00
Sanitation	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL 4194 – Government Buildings	43,500.00
 4195 – CEMETERIES	 3,500.00
 4196 – Insurance Fees	
Employee Insurance	66,000.00
Unemployment & Workers’ Compensation	7,500.00
Property Liability	<u>14,000.00</u>
TOTAL 4196 – Insurance Fees	87,500.00
 4197 – Advertising & Regional Dues	 3,000.00
 4210 – Police	
Association Dues	20.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Fuel	6,000.00
Postage	100.00
Radar recertification	130.00
Radio maintenance	500.00
Salaries	
Police Chief Salary	54,730.00
Police Officer Salaries	6,000.00
Police Sergeant Salary	49,500.00
Secretary	<u>5,512.00</u>
Total Salaries	115,742.00
TOTAL 4210 – Police	130,342.00
 4220 – Fire/Rescue Department	
Disease Protection	500.00
Fire Prevention	1,000.00
Fuel	2,000.00
General Expenses & Supplies	1,500.00
Medical Supplies	1,750.00
MedStar Contract	24,500.00
Mileage	500.00
Mutual Aid & Dues	5,500.00
New Equipment Purchase	5,500.00
Radio	1,500.00
Secretary	4,500.00
Telephone	1,875.00
Training	3,500.00
Truck & Equipment Maintenance	<u>15,250.00</u>
TOTAL 4220 – Fire/Rescue Department	69,375.00

4290 – Emergency/Forest/911	
Emergency Management	550.00
Forest Fires	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL 4290 – Emergency/Forest/911	3,050.00
4312 – Highways & Streets	
4312.3 – Road Maintenance	
Calcium Chloride	22,260.00
Materials	37,000.00
Road Maintenance Contractor	71,000.00
Roadside Mowing	12,000.00
Signs & Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 4312.3 – Road Maintenance	143,760.00
4312.5 – Winter Roads	
Contract Payment	173,850.00
Materials	<u>83,000.00</u>
Total 4312.5 – Winter Roads	256,850.00
TOTAL 4312 - Highways & Streets	400,610.00
4316 – Street Lighting	6,500.00
4323 – Solid Waste Collection	
Certification Training	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00
Salaries	42,000.00
Supplies	500.00
Telephone	550.00
4323.2 HHW Day	<u>1,097.00</u>
TOTAL 4323 – Solid Waste Collection	46,147.00
4324 – Solid Waste Disposal	
Compactor/Waste Management Containers	100,000.00
Other Disposal Containers	<u>14,000.00</u>
TOTAL 4324 – Solid Waste Disposal	114,000.00
4325 – Solid Waste Cleanup	
Landfill Monitoring	6,600.00
4414 – Dog Officer	
Humane Society Fees	500.00
Salary	6,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL 4414 – Dog Officer	7,000.00
4415 – Agencies	

Agape Food Pantry	1,000.00
American Red Cross	400.00
Northern Human Services	716.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	750.00
Starting Point	1,200.00
Tri-County CAP	3,500.00
VNA	5,326.00
White Mountain Community Health Center	<u>1,215.00</u>
TOTAL 4415 – Agencies	14,107.00
4442 – General Assistance	18,000.00
4445.2 – Meals on Wheels	4,500.00
4520 – Parks & Recreation	
Town of Ossipee Recreation Dept	3,500.00
4550 – Library	
Operating Expenses	13,600.00
Salaries	<u>33,894.00</u>
TOTAL 4550 – Library	47,494.00
4583 – Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
4611.2 Conservation Commission	3,050.00
4619 – Town Forester	1,500.00
4723 – TAN Interest	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL 4711 – Debt Service	2,500.00
Total Operating Budget	1,239,764.00

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Ossipee Co-Op Preschool, a non-profit organization which currently serves three Effingham families. This article is petitioned by Kimberly Seamans and others.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by William Piekut. Discussion: Paul Bartoswicz, Chairman of the Budget Committee explained that the reason the Budget Committee did not recommend the article was due to his discussion with the Department of Revenue. Mr. Bartoswicz was told by DRA that the article would not pass their review due to the limited language, i.e., "....serves three Effingham families". Gwenda English then made a motion, seconded by Eve Klotz, to amend the article's language as follows: "...which currently serves Effingham families". The amendment passed by majority hand vote. We then proceeded to vote on the amended article which now read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Ossipee Co-Op Preschool, a non-profit organization which currently services Effingham Families. The amended article then passed by majority hand vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission as permitted by RSA 674:44-e. The word “agriculture” shall include the entirety of RSA 21:34-a, which is the definition of farm, agriculture, and farming. The Commission members will be appointed in conformance with RSA 673:4-b, specifically, not less than 3 and no more than 7 with 5 alternates. All shall be residents of Effingham, and may also serve on other boards and commissions. This article is petitioned by Paul Bartoswicz and others.

The article was moved by Paul Bartoswicz, seconded by Eve Klotz. A motion was then made by Paul Bartoswicz, seconded by Eve Klotz to amend this article to read: “The Commission members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in conformance with RSA 673:4-b, specifically, not less than 5 members and 5 alternates.” The amendment to the article passed by majority hand vote. We then proceeded to vote on the amended article which now read: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission as permitted by RSA 674:44-e. The word “agriculture” shall include the entirety of RSA 21:34-a, which is the definition of farm, agriculture, and farming. The Commission members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in conformance with RSA 673:4-b, specifically, not less than 5 members and 5 alternates. All shall be residents of Effingham, and may also serve on other boards and commissions. The amended article then passed by majority hand vote.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to fund an Agricultural Commission, in the event that warrant Article 19, establishing an Agricultural Commission for the Town of Effingham passes. This article is petitioned by Paul Bartoswicz and others.

The article was moved by Paul Bartoswicz, seconded by John Meisner. No discussion. The article passed by majority hand vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in support of Carroll County Transit for the following transportation services; Public Transit Fixed and Commuter Routes, Demand Response Senior Transportation and Long Distance Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. This article is petitioned by Louise Champion and others.

The article was moved by Henry Spencer, seconded by Cheryle Feirick. Following a short discussion, The article failed by majority hand vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President:

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”. This article is petitioned by Kathleen Mudgett and others.

The article was moved by Neil Eric Potter, seconded by Jory Augenti. Following a lengthy discussion whereby several amendments were proposed, a motion was made by Blair Folts,

seconded by Michael Pilkovsky, to pass over this article. The motion passed on a majority hand vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$52,668.00) for the installation of an emergency generator and upgrading of the electrical system at the Municipal Office Building, which serves as the Emergency Operations Center for the Town. The sum of \$26,334.00 to come from the State of New Hampshire for this purpose. The remaining amount of \$26,334.00 is to be raised from taxation. If this warrant article fails, the Town will return \$26,334.00 to the granting authority.

The article was moved by John Meisner, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. Following a brief discussion, the article passed on a majority hand vote.

A motion was made by Gwenda English, seconded by John Meisner to restrict reconsideration of Articles 15, 16, 18 through 23. The motion passed by majority hand vote.

Article 24: to see if the Town will vote to exempt the following uses from the Site Plan Review Regulations, as authorized by RSA 674:43, IV, and to direct the Planning Board to amend its Site Plan Review Regulations to reflect these exemptions:

- 1) Cottage Industries, as defined in Section 302 of the Zoning Ordinance that are an accessory use and subordinate to a residential use;
- 2) Home Occupations, as defined in Section 302 of the Zoning Ordinance;
- 3) Farm, as defined in Section 302 of the Zoning Ordinance.

All Other Town, State and Federal laws and rules shall apply to the above uses.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by Paul Bartoswicz. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by William Piekut seconded by Cheryle Feirick to pass over this article. The motion to pass over the article passed by majority hand vote.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to establish a special site review committee as authorized by RSA 674:43,III which will have final authority to approve or disapprove minor site plans for non-exempt new or expanding existing commercial uses that are no greater than 10,000 square feet in area.

The article was moved by William Piekut, seconded by Timothy Eldridge. A motion was made by Eve Klotz, seconded by Cheryle Feirick to pass over this article. The motion to pass over the article passed by majority hand vote.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for personal allotments/stipends for Effingham Fire Department members.

The article was moved by Cheryle Feirick, seconded by John Meisner. Following a lengthy discussion whereby several amendments were proposed, a motion was made by Eve Klotz, seconded by Gwenda English to amend the article as "...for Effingham Fire Department

members based upon a collaborative recommendation between the Fire Chief representing the Effingham Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen. The amendment to the article passed on a majority hand vote. We then proceeded to vote on the amended article which read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for personal allotments/stipends for Effingham Fire Department members based upon a collaborative recommendation between the Fire Chief representing the Effingham Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen." The amended article passed on majority hand vote.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

The article was moved by Timothy Eldridge, seconded by David Manley. No discussion. The article passed on a majority hand vote.

Article 28: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Blair Folts announced the Green Mountain Conservation Group would be holding seminars regarding the aquifer concerns. Jory Augenti made a motion to instruct the Board of Selectmen to make the new Fire Chief a resident of Effingham. Arthur Surette seconded the motion. The motion failed by a majority hand vote. Gwenda English made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 17 and 27. David Manley seconded the motion. The motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 17 and 27 passed by majority hand vote. Neil Eric Potter announced that the Effingham History Project would resume at the Effingham Public Library on Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 PM. Mellisa Ferland announced that there were still raffle tickets available for the Car/Kaching Raffle benefiting Shawn Palumbo. A motion was made by Sheila Jones, seconded by Henry Spencer to adjourn the 2010 Effingham Town Meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by Moderator Susan Slack at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Maughan, Town Clerk