

MINUTES OF THE EFFINGHAM TOWN MEETING 2013

Session I: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Michael Pilkovsky, Moderator called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the Effingham Elementary School. Mr. Pilkovsky declared the polls open and proceeded to read the first three articles.

Michael Pilkovsky, Moderator closed the polls at 7:00 PM; Ballot Clerks Tracy Cragin, Gwen English, with Selectman Theresa Swanick counted the town ballots for election of officers. The two questions were counted by Erik Jones. The Governor Wentworth Regional School District ballots were delivered to Wolfeboro by Police Chief Timothy Butts for counting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM to re-convene at the Effingham Elementary School on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

The Checklist listed 980 registered voters, 251 ballots were cast, including 14 absentee ballots. Mr. Pilkovsky 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.

Selectmen, three year term:	Timothy Eldridge	155
	Susan Slack	93
	Ronald Witham	3
Moderator, one year term:	Michael Pilkovsky	227
Auditor, one year term:	Tracy Cragin	12*
Trustee of Trust Funds, two year term:	Eileen Casella-Rider	23*
Trustee of Trust Funds, three year term:	David Manley	176
Trustee of the Library, three year term (2 positions):	Jack Williams	180
	Cheryle Feirick	175
Budget Committee Member, three year term (2 positions):	Ronald Witham	136
	Paul Bartoswicz	182
Planning Board Member, three year term (2 positions):	Joanna Bull	203
	Gary Jewell	23*
ZBA Member, three year term (2 positions):	James Pittman	203

*Write-in votes

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2013-1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article 19: Floodplain Management Ordinance to reflect new FEMA floodplain maps? The Planning Board is in favor of this article. YES 195 NO 48

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2013-2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend section 1402 from the current 120 consecutive days to allow the issuance of multiple permits for a recreational vehicle not to exceed 120 aggregate days per year? The Planning Board is in favor of this article. YES 172 NO 72

Session II: Michael Pilkovsky, Moderator gaveled the meeting to order 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2013 with approximately 70 Effingham residents present. Town Clerk Marilyn Maughan, read the election results from March 12, 2013. The pledge of allegiance was said by those present. A moment of silence was held to remember those Effingham residents that passed away in 2012. Moderator Pilkovsky then proceeded to explain how the meeting would be conducted and read Article 4 to the voters present.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Dollars (\$25,804.00) to contract the services of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. for the year 2013. This sum represents payment for the third year of a five-year level funded contract that provides for a full update of property values to market rate in 2015 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. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Susan Slack, seconded by Henry Spencer.

No questions were posed.

The article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) for road reconstruction. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Susan Slack, seconded by Henry Spencer. Following the discussion of the article, the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$136,000.00) for road resurfacing. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Susan Slack, seconded by Henry Spencer. Following a brief discussion, the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for road crack sealing. This will be a special non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse for two years. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Theresa Swanick and seconded by Henry Spencer. No discussion followed and the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand Seventy Seven Dollars (\$44,077.00) for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/12
Invasive Aquatic Plants	\$6,075.00	\$7,153.80
Fire Truck/Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$201,879.96
Municipal Maintenance Garage	\$1.00	\$8,298.45
Police Cruiser/Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$10,190.64
Public Safety Buildings	\$1.00	\$49,759.51
Salt Shed	\$10,000.00	\$16,290.45
Town Owned Bridges	\$8,000.00	\$81,142.99
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	\$5,000.00	\$22,469.39
Total in above Capital Reserve accounts		\$397,185.19

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Henry Spencer and seconded by Theresa Swanick. After a brief discussion, the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Marilynn Maughan, seconded by Eric Potter to restrict reconsideration of Articles 4 through 8. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town of Effingham will vote to establish the Voting Machine Expendable Trust Fund, under the authority of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing a State approved election voting machine and to raise and appropriate to this fund the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to

expend from the fund. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Marilynn Maughan and seconded by Henry Spencer. Following discussion, the article passed on a majority voice vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand Three (\$42,003.00) for payments to the following Trust Fund Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/2012
Emergency Management Exp TF	\$ 1.00	<u>\$33,681.91</u>
Library Equipment Exp TF	\$ 3,000.00	<u>\$ 9,600.94</u>
Municipal Auditing Exp TF	\$14,000.00	<u>\$ 7,000.19</u>
Municipal Buildings Exp TF	\$10,000.00	<u>\$16,896.66</u>
Parks and Recreation TF	\$ 1.00	<u>\$30,963.54</u>
Land Use Exp TF	\$ 5,000.00	<u>\$ 9,886.32</u>
Technology Development Exp TF	\$ 1.00	<u>\$ 1,855.94</u>
Town Hall Restoration TF	\$10,000.00	<u>\$ 5,125.33</u>
Total in above Trust Fund accounts:		\$115,010.83

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Henry Spencer and seconded by Irene Riordan. Note: Although no discussion was held regarding this article, a handout was provided by Selectman Slack which is referenced with these minutes as attachment 1. The article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 11. 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 2012 for Fire Department Mutual Aid. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Patricia Riker and seconded by Paul Bartoswicz.

No discussion. The article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,550.00) from the undesignated fund balance to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The \$26,550.00 was received from the sale of the Effingham Fire Department Ambulance in 2012. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Henry Spencer and seconded by Susan Slack. No discussion followed. Article passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Marilynn Maughan, seconded by Chris Seamans to restrict reconsideration of Articles 9 through 12. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the undesignated fund balance for improvements to be made to the Effingham Transfer Station, including the purchase of two waste compactors and electrical equipment. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Theresa Swanick and seconded by Susan Slack.

The Moderator announced that this article will be voted on by ballot due to a petition being received by him prior to the start of the meeting. A lengthy discussion followed which included the review of a handout provided by the Board of Selectman. The handout is attached hereto and marked as attachment 2. The article passed on a ballot vote of 41 YES, 27 NO.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to purchase and install a new heating system at the Effingham Fire Station #2. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Randy Burbank and seconded by Susan Slack. Fire Chief Randy Burbank explained the need to replace the existing heating system at fire station #2. Following the discussion, the article passed by a majority voice vote.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of alternate members of the Agricultural Commission from five (5) to two (2) in accordance with RSA 673:4-b. This requires a majority vote. Moved by Susan Slack seconded by Henry Spencer. A brief discussion followed. Article passed by unanimous voice vote.

NOTE: BY MOTION, THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE MOVED AHEAD OF ARTICLE 16: Article 18, Article 19 and Article 20. For consistency of these minutes, those articles and how those articles were voted on, will remain in order as they were listed in the warrant.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,252,176.00 for the ensuing year for general operations. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Susan Slack and seconded by Henry Spencer. A motion was made by Michael Cahalane and seconded by Cheryle Feirick to increase the Administrative Assistant salary line by \$5,000. A discussion followed regarding the amendment to the salary line. Following the discussion, The motion to increase the administrative assistant's salary line by \$5,000 was passed by unanimous voice vote. Following the discussion of the entire amended article, the sum of \$1,257,176.00 was approved by unanimous voice vote for the 2013 general operating budget.

Executive

Benevolence Expenses	200.00
Computer & Network Expense	5,000.00
Mileage	450.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	2,750.00
Postage	1,000.00
Salaries	
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	31,000.00
<i>Clerical Support</i>	8,000.00
<i>Moderator</i>	500.00
<i>Selectmen</i>	21,000.00
<i>Trustee of Trust Funds</i>	300.00
<i>Website Entry</i>	1,500.00
Total Salaries	62,300.00
Telephone	1,350.00
Town Meeting Expense	200.00
Town Report Printing	1,200.00
Workshops & Seminars	500.00

Total · Executive **74,950.00**

4140 · Election & Registration

Advertising	100.00
Association Dues	20.00
Books & Publications	50.00
Election Expenses	150.00
Mileage	75.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,200.00
Postage	1,000.00
Salaries	
<i>Ballot Clerk</i>	100.00

<i>Deputy Town Clerk</i>	7,000.00
<i>Town Clerk</i>	10,000.00
Total Salaries	<hr/> 17,100.00
Software Support	2,551.00
Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	500.00
Total . Election & Registration	<hr/> 23,321.00

Checklist Supervisors

Advertising	250.00
Postage	50.00
Salaries	1,050.00
Supplies/mileage	100.00
Workshops and Seminars	<u>200.00</u>
Total Checklist Supervisors	1,650.00

Financial Administration

Association Dues	20.00
Auditors	12,000.00
Bank Service Charges	500.00
Financial/Banking supplies	800.00
Mileage	75.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,450.00
Postage	2,500.00
Registry of Deeds	600.00
Salaries	
<i>Deputy Tax Collector</i>	7,000.00
<i>Deputy Treasurer</i>	725.00
<i>Tax Collector</i>	10,000.00
<i>Treasurer</i>	1,717.00
Total Salaries	<hr/> 19,442.00
Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	350.00

Total · Financial Administration	38,312.00
Budget Committee	151.00
Assessing	
Equipment & Supplies	360.00
Postage	450.00
Salaries	16,000.00
Software Support	100.00
Tax Map Maintenance	2,750.00
Workshops & Seminars	100.00
Total · Assessing	19,750.00
Legal	20,000.00
Payroll Expenses	
New Hampshire Retirement-Town	26,000.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	27,000.00
Total · Payroll Expenses	53,000.00
Planning & Zoning	
Planning Board	4,710.00
Enforcement Officer	9,489.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,875.00
Total · Planning & Zoning	16,074.00
Municipal Buildings	
Building maintenance/supplies/equipment	15,000.00
Electricity	13,000.00
Heating Fuel	10,000.00
Salaries	5,500.00
Sanitation	1,500.00
Total · Government Buildings	45,000.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00

Insurance Fees

Employee Insurance	72,200.00
Primex/ Unemployment & Workers Comp.	6,500.00
Property Liability	15,000.00

Total · Insurance Fees 93,700.00

Advertising & Regional Dues **3,000.00**

Police

Association Dues	20.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Fuel	7,000.00
Postage	100.00
Radar recertification	130.00
Radio maintenance	500.00

Salaries

<i>Police Chief Salary</i>	<i>59,900.00</i>
<i>Police Officer Salaries</i>	<i>7,016.00</i>
<i>Police Sergeant Salary</i>	<i>50,000.00</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>5,741.00</i>

Total Salaries 122,657.00

Software Support	1,420.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00
Training	250.00
Uniforms & protective gear	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00

Total · Police 139,277.00

Fire/Rescue Department

Disease Protection	500.00
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EMS Contract		25,020.00
Fire Prevention		300.00
Fuel		1,750.00
General Expenses & Supplies		2,000.00
Medical Supplies		750.00
Member Compensation		20,000.00
Mileage		1,500.00
Mutual Aid & Dues		5,500.00
New Equipment Purchase		1.00
Personnel Background Checks		500.00
Radio		2,000.00
Secretary		4,800.00
Telephone		1,800.00
Training		3,000.00
Truck & Equipment Maintenance		20,000.00
Total · Fire/Rescue Department		89,421.00
Emergency/Forest/911		
Emergency Mngmt	2,160.00	
Forest Fires	2,500.00	
Total Emergency/Forest/911		4,660.00
Highways & Streets		
Road Maintenance		
Calcium Chloride	23,100.00	
Materials	30,000.00	
Road Maintenance Contractor	65,000.00	
Roadside Mowing	10,500.00	
Signs & Equipment	1,500.00	
Total Road Maintenance	130,100.00	
Winter Roads		
Contract Payment	175,900.00	
Materials	60,000.00	
Total Winter Roads	235,900.00	
Total · Highways & Streets		366,000.00

Street Lighting		6,500.00
Solid Waste Collection		
Certification/Training	400.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,000.00	
Salaries	44,000.00	
Supplies	750.00	
Telephone	400.00	
Hazardous Waste Day	1,174.00	
Total · Solid Waste Collection		49,724.00
Solid Waste Disposal		
Compactor/ WM Containers	80,000.00	
Other Disposal Containers	12,000.00	
Total · Solid Waste Disposal		92,000.00
Solid Waste Clean Up		
Landfill Monitoring		5,700.00
Dog Officer		
Humane Society Fees	400.00	
Supplies & Equipment	100.00	500.00
Total Dog Officer		
Health Agencies & Hospitals		
Agape Food Pantry		1,500.00
Northern Human Services		716.00
Ossipee Children's Fund		750.00
Starting Point		850.00
Tri-County CAP		5,500.00
VNA		3,159.00
White Mountain Comm Health Ctr		1,200.00
Total Health Agencies & Hospitals		13,675.00
General Assistance		20,000.00
Meals on Wheels		7,500.00

Parks & Recreation

Town of Ossipee Rec Dept **3,500.00**

Library

Operating Expenses 15,300.00

Salaries 40,711.00

Total · Library **56,011.00**

Patriotic Purposes **1,000.00**

Conservation Commission **2,550.00**

Agricultural Commission **250.00**

Town Forester **1,500.00**

Debt Service

TAN Interest **1,000.00**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote under the authority of RSA 80:80, V to retain two parcels of property; one parcel located on tax map 413 lot 15 situated on Pine River Road and the other parcel on tax map 106 lot 15 situated on Lake Shore Drive and to delegate to the Effingham Conservation Commission the management and control of such parcels for conservation purposes under the provisions of RSA 36-A. This requires a majority vote. Moved by Susan Slack and seconded by Henry Spencer. Following a discussion, the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the Province Lake Hosting Program to assist in funding the inspection of boats for invasive aquatic plants. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Moved by Susan Slack and seconded by Henry Spencer. The voters allowed Carl Davis of the Province Lake Association, to speak on the article. Following the discussion, The article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) in support of the Freedom Food Pantry. This article is petitioned by Patricia M. Ricker and others. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. The article was moved by Melissa Seamans and seconded Patricia Riker. The voters allowed Doris Cirois Co-Director of the Freedom Food Bank to speak on the article. Following discussion, the article passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote accept Henry Drive, now a private road, as a Town maintained Class V roadway. This article is petitioned by Melanie Peabody and others. This requires a majority vote. The article was moved by Melanie Peabody and seconded by Sheila Jones. The moderator announced he was given a petition to hold a ballot vote on this article which will take place following discussion of the article. There were several amendments proposed to the article. One of which amended the article to read: . . . “the date of acceptance is effective upon inspection of Henry Drive by the town’s consulting engineer and determination by the Board of Selectmen that Henry Drive meets town subdivision specifications and standards.” The amendment to the article passed by majority voice vote. An additional amendment was proposed by Sheila Jones but was subsequently withdrawn under protest. Following discussion, ballot vote was taken 57 NO 10 YES. The amended article was defeated.

A motion was made by Sheila Jones and seconded by Chris Seamans to restrict reconsideration to articles 16 and 17. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sheila Jones and seconded by Eve Klotz to restrict reconsideration of articles 18 and 19. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Marilynn Maughan and seconded by Michael Cahalane to restrict reconsideration of article 20. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors. The article was moved by Melissa Seamans and seconded by Susan Slack. Eric Potter made a complaint regarding the Report of the Trustee of Trust Funds citing an error in two of the trust funds. Claudia Lamphier stated that David Manley is in the process of contacting Citizens bank regarding the errors. A motion was made by Susan Slack, seconded by Melissa Seamans to amend the article to read as follows: . . .” including corrected by the submission of the report of the trustee of the trust funds.” The amended article passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Sheila Jones, seconded by Chris Seamans to restrict reconsideration of article 21. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Irene Riordan asked for approval of the moderator since it was his first town meeting.

Paul Potter asked for volunteers for the Historic District Commission.

A discussion was held regarding the repairs of the Veteran’s Monument located at Lord’s Hill.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Following the adjournment, Marilynn Maughan Town Clerk, swore in the following officers:

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman, Joanna Bull, Planning Board Member, Cheryle Feirick and Jack Williams, Library Trustees, Paul Bartowicz, Budget Committee, and Michael Pilkovsky, Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Maughan, Town Clerk