

Town of Effingham – Annual Town Meeting
Abridged Minutes
March 15, 2014

The following are the results from the Town Election, which was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014: The checklist listed 941 registered voters. 352 ballots were cast, including 15 absentee ballots.

Selectmen, three year term:	Lawrence Edwards	161
	William Piekut	92
	Theresa Swanick	94
Moderator, one year term:	Mike Pilkovsky	331
Auditor, one year term:	William Piekut	3*
Trustee of the Trust Funds, one 2-year term:	Carol Pfister	310
Trustee of the Trust Funds, one 3- year term:	Karen Payne	303
Trustee of the Library, two 3-year terms:	Celine Bergeron	278
	Maureen Spencer	270
Budget Committee, two 3-year terms:	Mike Pilkovsky	314
	Leo Racine	231
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, one 2-year term:	Deanna Amaral	331
Planning Board, two 3-year terms:	Jory Augenti	225
	Michael Cahalane	208
Zoning Board of Adjustment, one 2-year term:	Paul Bartowicz	2*
Zoning Board of Adjustment, two 3-year term:	Jory Augenti	213
	Tim White	232

Supervisor of the Checklist, one 6-year term: Rebecca Harrington 299

*Write-in votes

To bring in your votes for Executive Councilor: Michael Cryans 137
Joseph D. Kenney 188

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2014-1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Change the wording of Effingham Wetlands and Steep Slopes articles in the Zoning Ordinance (Section 1605, 1607 and 1705) to comply with State Statue RSA 674:1 pertaining to timber harvesting?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 256 NO 78

Article 3. . Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2014-2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Adopt corrections to the Lord’s Hill Historic District map to accurately reflect established boundaries?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 278 NO 57

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2014-3 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Change Section 601 conflicts to read “Where there is a conflict in the application of provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, the more restrictive provision shall apply except for delineation of the Historic Districts, delineation of the Village Districts and the Aquifer Overlay?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 222 NO 101

At 7:00 pm, the Moderator announced that the polls were closed. Ballots Clerks and counters were; Edith Sharp, David Manley, Celine Bergeron, Karen Payne, Tracy Cragin, Erik Jones, and Cheryle Feirick. We were finished counting at 8:30 pm. Moderator Pilkovsky called for a recess at 8:30 pm and announced that the meeting would reconvene on Saturday at 9:00 am, March 15, 2014 at Effingham Elementary School.

Session II:

Moderator Mike Pilkovsky, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Effingham Elementary School. Moderator Pilkovsky asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked everyone to give a moment of silence to think of our troops as well as members of our community that have passed away this year. Moderator Pilkovsky went over how the meeting would be conducted. There were approximately 78 residents in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 17 prior to Article 5. Motion passed. In keeping with the order of the Warrant, Article 17 results will be placed after Article 16.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Four Dollars (\$25,804.00) to contract the services of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. for the year 2014. This sum represents payment for the fourth 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, seconded and passed as read.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) for road reconstruction.

This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for road resurfacing.

This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to have Articles 17 and 5-7 restricted for reconsideration. The motion passed.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$106,500.00) for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/13
Aquatic Invasive Plants	\$1,500.00	\$13,230.02
Fire Truck/Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$239,460.65
Police Cruiser/Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$15,192.30
Salt Shed	\$70,000.00	\$26,293.14
Town Owned Bridges	\$10,000.00	\$89,155.30
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	\$5,000.00	\$27,472.87

Total in above Capital Reserve accounts: \$410,804.28

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of article 8. The motion passed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand (\$28,000.00) for payments to the following Trust Fund Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/13
Library Equipment Exp TF	\$3,000.00	\$6,902.01
Municipal Auditing Exp TF	\$5,000.00	\$21,001.59
Municipal Buildings Exp TF	\$10,000.00	\$19,899.40
Town Hall Restoration TF	\$10,000.00	\$15,126.34

Total in above Trust Fund accounts: \$62,929.34

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

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 2013 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, seconded and passed as read.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$46,900.00) to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department. This is a special warrant article.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved and seconded.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount to Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$37,100). Motion passed.

Moderator Pilkovsky announced that there was a request made that this article be voted on by a ballot vote.

The article passed with YES 50 No 14.

A motion was made and seconded by to restrict reconsideration of articles 9-11. The motion passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Municipal Garage Capital Reserve Fund and place the current balance of \$8,291.69 as of December 31, 2013, plus any accumulated interest to date in the general 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, seconded and passed as read.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund and place the current balance of \$49,767.92 as of December 31, 2013, plus any accumulated interest to date in the general 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 and seconded. Moderator Pilkovsky announced that this would be voted on by a ballot vote.

The article fails with NO 37 and Yes 27.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and place the current balance of \$30,969.16 as of December 31, 2013, plus any accumulated interest to date in the general 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 and seconded. Moderator Pilkovsky announced that this would be voted on by a ballot vote.

The article passed with YES 44 NO 16.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of articles 12-14. The motion passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Technology Development Expendable Trust Fund and place the current balance of \$1,857.25 as of December 31, 2013, plus any accumulated interest to date in the general 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, seconded and passed as read.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Police Safety/Protective Gear Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of purchasing protective gear, equipment, or garments for use by officers of the Effingham Police Department and to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as the 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, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of articles 15 – 16. The motion passed.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to enter into a one year contract to provide emergency medical/ambulance service to the Town of Effingham. This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording of **Article 17** to read:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000) to enter into a one year contract to provide emergency medical/ambulance service to the Town of Effingham.
 Motion passed.

Moderator Pilkovsky announced that this would be voted on by a ballot vote.
 Article passed as amended with YES 61 NO 5

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Dollars (\$1,258,007.00) for the ensuing year for general operations. This requires a majority vote.
 The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Executive	
Benevolence Expenses	200.00
Computer & Network Expense	5,000.00
Mileage	300.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	2,750.00
Postage	1,400.00
Salaries	
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>36,000.00</i>
<i>Clerical Support</i>	<i>10,540.00</i>
<i>Moderator</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Selectmen</i>	<i>21,000.00</i>
<i>Trustee of Trust Funds</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i>Website Entry</i>	<i>750.00</i>
Total Salaries	<u>69,090.00</u>
Telephone	1,350.00
Town Meeting Expense	200.00
Town Report Printing	1,500.00
Workshops & Seminars	<u>500.00</u>
Total Executive	<u>82,290.00</u>
Election & Registration	
Advertising	210.00
Association Dues	20.00
Election Expenses	390.00
Mileage	300.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,700.00
Postage	1,240.00
Salaries	
<i>Ballot Clerk</i>	<i>820.00</i>
<i>Deputy Town Clerk</i>	<i>8,175.00</i>
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>
Total Salaries	<u>18,995.00</u>
Software Support	2,679.00

Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	800.00
Total Election & Registration	26,909.00

Checklist Supervisors	
Advertising	325.00
Postage	50.00
Salaries	1,350.00
Supplies/mileage	100.00
Workshops and Seminars	200.00
Total Checklist Supervisors	2,025.00

Financial Administration	
Association Dues	40.00
Auditors	12,000.00
Bank Service Charges	500.00
Financial/Banking supplies	800.00
Mileage	75.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,950.00
Postage	2,700.00
Registry of Deeds	450.00
Salaries	
<i>Deputy Tax Collector</i>	8,175.00
<i>Deputy Treasurer</i>	725.00
<i>Tax Collector</i>	10,000.00
<i>Treasurer</i>	1,717.00
Total Salaries	20,617.00
Software Support	2,246.00
Telephone	575.00
Workshops & Seminars	700.00
Total Financial Administration	42,653.00

Budget Committee	
Advertising	110.00
Mileage	1.00
Workshops & Seminars	50.00
Total Budget Committee	161.00

Assessing	
Equipment & Supplies	400.00
Postage	450.00
Salaries	16,000.00
Software Support	2,500.00
Tax Map Maintenance	3,000.00
Workshops & Seminars	100.00
Total Assessing	22,450.00

Legal	20,000.00
Payroll Expenses	
New Hampshire Retirement-Town	29,000.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	25,000.00

Total Payroll Expenses	54,000.00
Planning & Zoning	
Planning Board	5,028.00
Enforcement Officer	10,115.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,975.00
Historic District Commission	390.00
Total Planning & Zoning	17,508.00
Municipal Buildings	
Bldg maint/supplies/equipment	20,000.00
Electricity	12,000.00
Heating Fuel	10,000.00
Salaries	5,000.00
Total Municipal Buildings	47,000.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00
Insurance Fees	
Employee Insurance	73,000.00
Primex/ UE & WC	6,500.00
Property Liability	15,000.00
Total Insurance Fees	94,500.00
Advertising & Regional Dues	3,000.00
Police Department	
Association Dues	100.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Fuel	12,000.00
Postage	100.00
Radar recertification	160.00
Radio maintenance	725.00
Salaries	
<i>Police Chief Salary</i>	<i>61,215.00</i>
<i>Police Officer Salaries</i>	<i>14,144.00</i>
<i>Police Sergeant Salary</i>	<i>51,010.00</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>5,741.00</i>
Total Salaries	132,110.00
Software Support	1,420.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00
Training	1,000.00
Uniforms	4,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00
Total Police Department	158,315.00
Fire/Rescue Department	
Disease Protection	500.00
Fire Prevention	500.00
Fuel	1,750.00
General Expenses & Supplies	2,000.00
Medical Supplies	1,000.00

Member Compensation	20,000.00
Mileage	1,000.00
Mutual Aid & Dues	5,000.00
New Equipment Purchase	2,000.00
Personnel Background Checks	500.00
Radio	2,500.00
Secretary	3,500.00
Telephone	1,800.00
Training	3,000.00
Truck & Equipment Maintenance	20,000.00
Total Fire/Rescue Department	65,050.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire Grant funds	
Emergency Management	1,750.00
Forest Fires	2,500.00
Total Emergency/Forest/911	4,250.00
Highways & Streets	
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	
<i>Calcium Chloride</i>	19,500.00
<i>Materials</i>	30,000.00
<i>Road Maint Contractor</i>	65,000.00
<i>Roadside Mowing</i>	10,500.00
<i>Signs & Equipment</i>	1,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	126,000.00
<i>Winter Roads</i>	
<i>Contract Payment</i>	180,000.00
<i>Materials</i>	60,000.00
Total Winter Roads	240,000.00
Total Highways & Streets	366,000.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00
Solid Waste Collection	
Certification/Training	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00
Salaries	45,500.00
Supplies	750.00
Telephone	500.00
Hazardous Waste Day	1,174.00
Total Solid Waste Collection	49,424.00
Solid Waste Disposal	
Compactor/ WM Containers	73,000.00
Other Disposal Containers	9,000.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal	82,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	5,700.00
Dog Officer Expenses	500.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	
American Red Cross	657.00

Northern Human Services	716.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000.00
Starting Point	1,036.00
Tri- County CAP	5,000.00
VNA	3,159.00
White Mountain Comm Health Ctr	1,732.00
Total Health Agencies & Hospitals	13,300.00
General Assistance	20,000.00
Meals on Wheels	5,500.00
Parks & Recreation	3,500.00
Library	
Operating Expenses	14,700.00
Salaries	41,522.00
Total Library	56,222.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	3,500.00
Agricultural Commission	250.00
Town Forester	1,000.00
TAN	1,000.00
Total 2014 Operating Budget	1,258,007.00

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 19. To see if the Town of Effingham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in support of the Freedom Food Pantry to assist in their efforts. This article is petitioned by Patricia M. Riker and others. This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

A motion was made and seconded, to amend the amount to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000).

The article passed as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to constrict reconsideration of articles 18 - 19. The motion passed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in support of the Lord's Hill Meeting House for the ongoing maintenance of the Veterans' Honor Roll. This article is petitioned by Erik R. Jones and others. This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to approve a change in the size of the Budget Committee from six (6) members to seven (7) members. Six members will remain members-at-large with a seventh member serving as an alternate. This requires a majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely because the RSA does not exist. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to constrict reconsideration of articles 20 – 21. The motion passed.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

A motion was made, seconded and passed as read.

Article 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Amaral,
Town of Effingham
Town Clerk