

Town of Effingham
 Annual Town Meeting Minutes
 March 19, 2018

The following are the results from the Town Election, which was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The checklist listed 1071 registered voters. 342 ballots were cast, including 94 absentee ballots.

Article 1.

Selectman, 3 yr term	Mike Cahalane	174
	Lawrence Edwards	164
Town Clerk/Tax Collector 3 yr term	Deanna Amaral	314
Treasurer, 3 yr term	Laurie Caldwell	295
Moderator, 2 yr term	Susan Slack	297
Trustee of Library, 3 yr term	Lawrence Edwards	*15
Trustee of Library, 1 yr term	Grace Fuller	*19
Planning Board, 2-3 yr terms	George Bull	220
	Paul D Potter	228
Budget Committee, 2-3 yr terms	Gary A Dean	91
	Timothy E Eldridge	179
	Charles E Fuller	105
	David S Strauss	108
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 yr term	Theresa Swanick	283
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 yr term	John P Davis	276

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Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 302 Definitions to read:

Dwelling, Two-Family: *A building which contains two independent dwelling units, with separate entrances, separated entirely by a common wall (horizontal or vertical).*

Dwelling Unit: *A residential living unit for use by one household or family that provides independent living facilities including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.*

Mean High Water Elevation: (change the word “level” to “elevation”)

Public Water: *shall include all lakes, ponds, and artificial impoundments greater than 10 acres in size, all year-round flowing waters of fourth order or higher and all rivers and river segments designated as protected under RSA 483:4-B XVI.*

Temporary Storage Unit: *A manufactured storage container, storage pod, metal container, or steel tractor trailer box used for storage, or other storage unit designed for this purpose, not designed or used for human habitation and not self-propelled. A temporary storage unit shall be governed by the same setback requirements as structures.*

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 254 No 65

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Correct Section 401 to read “mean high water *elevation*”? (This is a housekeeping item.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 265 No 59

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Revise Section 402 Water Frontage lot requirements in line with state statute to read, *No lot having frontage on Public Water shall be created with less than 150' of shoreland frontage. RSA 483-B:9, V(f)(2)?*

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 246 No 80

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Renumber Section 402.1 to 607? (This is a housekeeping item.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 262 No 60

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Revise Section 608 to be titled, *Shoreland Water Quality Protection*, with language consistent with current state statute RSA 483-B?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 260 No 57

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add to Section 708: *No provision in this section shall apply to structures on campsites, nor may a campsite structure expand beyond the dimensional restrictions in Section 1008?*

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 235 No 71

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 8 for clarity of the building permit requirements, and consistency with state statute RSA 205-D?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 224 No 78

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Revise Section 1008 (f) Campsites to clarify the requirement of building permits, prohibition of using campsites as principal or permanent residence, and criteria for measuring dimensions?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 234 No 72

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 1013 Dwelling, Multi-Family, and Section 1016 Dwelling, Single Family, to be consistent with definitions?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 252 No 54

Article 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 1014 Dwelling, Single-Family to read, *Only one dwelling is allowed on a lot unless all the requirements are met for an Accessory Dwelling Unit per Article 23?*

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 233 No 75

Article 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 1809 Chart to clarify descriptions that list lot and acreage requirements? (This is a housekeeping item.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 249 No 56

Article 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2018-12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 23 as per revised state statute RSA 674:72?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Yes 230 No 64

Adjourn meeting at 7 PM. Meeting will reconvene at the Effingham Elementary School, 6 Partridge Cove Road, Effingham on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

The town meeting was called to order at 9:08 am on Saturday, March 18. Moderator Susan Slack went over the Rules of Procedure. She talked about the history of Town Meeting. She spoke about the ballots going missing and how we proceeded with the guidance of the Secretary of State's office. She addressed the storm we had on election day and she went over the rules for absentee voting.

A motion was made and seconded to move Article's 31 and 32 prior to Article 14. Motion passed. In keeping with the order of the Warrant, Article's 31 and 32 will be placed after Article 30.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,780 to be added to the aquatic plant capital reserve fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the fire truck and fire truck equipment capital reserve fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,869 to be added to the police cruiser and cruiser equipment capital reserve fund previously established. This sum to come from December 31, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on January 1, 2018. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the transfer/recycling center capital reserve fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the bridge maintenance expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the library equipment expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article.

The Article was moved and seconded. A motion was made to amend the amount to \$900. Amendment passed.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 31, 32, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. Motion passed.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the municipal buildings maintenance expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the police safety gear expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Hall maintenance expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the fire truck and fire truck equipment capital reserve fund previously established. This sum to come from the December 31, 2017 fund balance available for transfer January 1, 2018. The \$1,000 represents funds received from the town of Parsonsfield for Fire Department mutual aid. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to establish a Computer and Network Equipment expendable trust fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and repairing municipal computer and network related hardware or software and to raise and appropriate \$2,500 to put in the fund, this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to establish a Professional Contracted Services expendable trust fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of retaining professional services for consulting on municipal projects and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Motion passed.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to establish an Unanticipated Event Infrastructural Repairs expendable trust fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of repair, modification and or replacement of town roadways, bridges or municipal properties, damaged in unanticipated events and to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article.

The article was moved and seconded. A motion was made to change the word *Infrastructural* to *Infrastructure*, motion to change word passed.

Article Failed with a voice vote.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of reclamation and paving of a section of Green Mountain Road. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of purchasing a hydraulic battery operated rescue tool to be used by the Effingham Fire and Rescue Department. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of road reconstruction. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article.

The Article was moved and seconded. Article Failed.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration for Articles 26, 27, 28 and 29. Motion passed.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of removing trees and or limbs along the town's public roadways, which are considered an impairment to driving or a safety hazard. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Family Resource Center at Children's Unlimited, Inc. This money will be used to provide health, well-being and self-sufficiency and positive parenting through support and education. This article is petitioned by Christine Sanborn and others. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 in support of White Horse Addiction Center in the fight against the opioid crisis/substance abuse in our area. This article is petitioned by Wendy Currie and others. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

The Article was moved and seconded. A motion was made to change the amount to \$3000. Amendment passed.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate to sum of \$100,000 for replacing the Granite Road bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the town owned bridges capital reserve fund created for that purpose. Further, the citizens of Effingham request that the Town of Effingham act with expediency and complete this process in 2018. This is a special warrant article. Petitioned by Lawrence Edwards and others. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

The Article was moved and seconded. Article Failed.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Article 33. Motion passed.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$1,594,961 for the ensuing year for general operations.

		Selectmen recommend if different
Executive	\$111,600	\$114,600
Election & Registration	\$35,965	
Financial Administration	\$38,150	\$50,150
Assessing	\$31,930	
Legal	\$35,000	
Payroll Expenses	\$65,000	
Planning & Zoning	\$25,981	
Municipal Buildings	\$69,500	
Cemeteries	\$2,500	
Insurance	\$105,500	
Advertising & Dues	\$3,000	
Police Department	\$183,901	\$186,395
Ambulance	\$57,735	
Fire/Rescue Department	\$76,800	
Emergency Mngmt/Forest	\$6,510	
Highway & Streets	\$478,000	
Street Lighting	\$7,500	
Solid Waste Collection	\$61,650	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$89,000	
Solid Waste Clean Up	\$3,750	
Dog Officer	\$500	
Health and Other Agencies	\$14,216	
General Assistance	\$12,000	\$14,000
Meals on Wheels	\$4,500	
Parks & Recreation	\$10,000	
Library	\$59,072	
Patriotic Purposes	\$700	
Conservation Commission	\$4,000	
Town Forester	\$1,000	
Debt Service	\$1	
	\$1,594,961	\$1,614,455

The Article was moved and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Executive line to \$114, 600. A hand count was taken: Yes 28 No 20. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Financial Administration line with an increase of \$500. A hand count was taken: Yes 24 No 23. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Police Department line with an increase of \$2,494. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Police Department line by \$2000 to be used for part-time officers. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the General Assistance line by \$2,000. A hand count was taken: Yes 26 No 23. Motion passed.

Article 35. Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Effingham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age to 74 years, \$15,000, For a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$20,000, For a person 80 years of age or older, \$25,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$29,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 if single, or own net assets not in excess of \$52,500 if married, excluding the value of the person's residence. Majority vote required.

Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 30, 34, 35 and 36. Motion passed.

Article 37. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Amaral,
Town of Effingham
Town Clerk

April 18, 2018

"Other Business"

RE: Town Meeting March 17, 2018

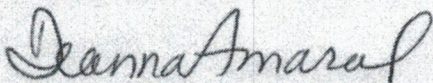
The following Motion was made under "other business that may legally come before said meeting"

A motion was made by David Strauss and seconded by Mike Cahalane for a nonbinding vote per RSA 32:5V-a to urge the Selectmen relative to budget items or any warrant articles to make a motion at the next scheduled meeting to record votes and the numerical tally of any such vote which shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant.

The Moderator explained "Other Business" as strictly non-binding because this proposal was not in the warrant posted for public notice and action that we might take on this motion is nonbinding. It is basically a resolution of the feeling of this meeting at this point letting the Board of Selectmen know the feeling of the meeting.

After a brief discussion a voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Deanna Amaral



Town Clerk