

Town of Effingham
Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2019

The following are the results from the Town Election, which was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The checklist now lists 1079 voters. 327 ballots were cast, including 24 absentee ballots.

Article 1.

Selectman, 3 yr term	Chuck Fuller	176
	Leonard Espie	143
Trustee of the Library, 2-3 yr terms	L.Heidi Foy	236
	Grace C. Fuller	234
Trustee of the Library, 2 yr term	Erik R. Jones	193
	William Piekut	102
Trustee of the Library, 1 yr term	Patricia A. Piper	290
Planning Board, 2-3 yr terms	Grace C. Fuller	229
	Gary N. Jewell	238
Planning Board, 1 yr term	Elaine Chick	278
Budget Committee, 2-3 yr terms	Thomas Hart	226
	Theresa Swanick	231
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 yr term	Carol H. Pfister	292
Zoning Board of Adjustment,2-3 yr terms	Thomas Hart	271
	William Piekut	*5
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2 yr term	Theresa Swanick	269
Supervisor of the Checklist, 1 yr term	Patricia A. Piper	171
	Janet Bartoswicz	132

* denotes write-in

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-1, petitioned repeal of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Effingham, New Hampshire, 2000?

The Planning Board does not recommend this petitioned article.

YES 89 NO 229

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 1004 (which applies to sand/gravel pits) to correct the state statute citation that applies, to read: Aggregate Extraction: Permits issued per RSA 155-E. Also regulated by Article 22. (*This is a housekeeping item.*)

YES 211 NO 92

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 302 Definitions to have *Recreation Vehicle (RV)* list several types of RVs in this category, delete size and width from 'Travel Trailer', and add 'Park Model RV'.

YES 202 NO 107

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 605 Motor Vehicle/RV Storage to add RV to the heading and remove language re trailers (for boats/snowmobiles/etc).

YES 202 NO 102

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 1008 Campground to delete the word 'trailer' from F2, add 'Recreational Vehicle (as defined in Section 302)', and delete examples of RVs. (*This is a housekeeping item.*)

YES 218 NO 86

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2019-6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 302 Definitions to include *Solar Energy System*, defining roof mounted and ground mounted installations as structures.

YES 158 NO 145

Adjourn meeting at 7 pm. Meeting will reconvene at the Effingham Elementary School, 6 Partridge Cove Road, Effingham on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9 o'clock AM

**The Town Meeting was called to order at 9:13 am on Saturday, March 16.
Moderator Susan Slack went over the Rules of Procedure.**

A motion was made and seconded to move Article 24 prior to Article 8. Motion passed. In keeping with the order of the warrant, Article 24 will be placed after Article 23.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Town Hall Repair and Restoration Trust Fund previously established, to the Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund.

The purpose of this fund will be to preserve the Town Hall building including making structural repairs/restorations and interior-exterior repairs/restorations to the building, systems and site as well as rehabilitation by altering or adding to the property to meet continuing or changing uses while retaining the property's historic character. And furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. A 2/3 vote required.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read. Handcount: Yes 62 No 0.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Auditing ETF created in 2012. Said funds, approximately \$16,430 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Majority vote required

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 \$10,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser & Equipment Purchase CRF previously established. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

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 \$10,000 for the purpose of paying the Town of Ossipee an unbilled payment for use of Parks and Recreation in the year 2018, and further to authorize this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2018, available for withdrawal on January 1. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings ETF previously established. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,610 to be added to the Invasive Aquatic Plant CRF previously established. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 14. 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 CRF previously established. 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 Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund, otherwise known as the Town Hall Repair and Restoration ETF previously established. 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 8-15 and Article 24. Motion passed.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center CRF previously established. 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 \$2,500 to be added to the Computer and Network Equipment ETF previously established. 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 \$2,000 to be added to the Police Safety/Protective Gear ETF previously established. 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 \$1,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment CRF previously established. This sum to come from December 31, 2018 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. The \$1,000 represents funds received from the Town of Parsonsfield for Fire Department mutual aid. No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to repair/reconstruct the Elm Street bridge. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen 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 \$190,000 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 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of road reconstruction. 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 16-22. Motion passed.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$1,689,687 for general operations. The Board of Selectmen recommend the amount of \$1,695,042. Majority vote required.

Motion was made and seconded to correct a typographical error on the amount of the BOS recommended amount to \$1,690,542. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to change the Solid Waste line to \$15,000. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the Health Agencies line by \$250 to support the Red Cross. Motion passed.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as amended. Operating Budget line now reads \$1,700,337.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in a capitol reserve fund for the sole purpose of replacing the Granite Road bridge. This is a petitioned warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

A motion was made and seconded to Postpone this Article indefinitely. Article Postponed Indefinitely.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

Article 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 22-26. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Amaral,
Town of Effingham
Town Clerk