

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2020

The following are the results from the Town Election, which was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The checklist reads 1068 voters. 251 ballots were cast, including 18 absentee ballots.

Article 1.

Selectman, 3 yr term	Thomas Hart	192
	John Meisner	52
Moderator, 2 yr term	Susan Slack	226
Trustee of Library (2)3yr terms	Patricia Piper	198
	Jennifer Van Cor	188
Budget Committee (2)3yr terms	Leo Racine	203
	Vacant	
Planning Board (2)3 yr terms	Elaine Chick	189
	Theresa Swanick	185
Zoning Board of Adjustment (2)3 yr terms	James Pittman	182
	Timothy White	195
Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 yr term	Knute Ogren	210
Trustee of Trust Funds 3 yr term	Karen Payne	212
Supervisor of the checklist 6 yr term	Patricia Piper	218

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 4, Section 401 to add a purpose for each of the Town's Zoning Districts? The Province Lake District's purpose will remain unchanged.

YES 169 NO 59

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 6, Section 601 to clarify how a lot in multiple zoning districts is handled; and Section 607 with a housekeeping correction to the title?

YES 174 NO 56

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 7, Section 702, 706, & 709 to clarify how change and/or expansion of Non-Conforming Uses and Structures are regulated?

YES 150 NO 79

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 10, Section 1018 to allow one small sign for a Home Occupation; and eliminate Sections 1023 & 1024 for redundancy?

YES 177 NO 52

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 14, Sections 1402 & 1403 to correct the NH RSA reference and add to both sections that recreational vehicles must meet setbacks, whenever possible, for the zoning district in which they are located?

YES 161 NO 70

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2020-6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 15, Historic Districts, Section 1501 to more closely match the wording in NH RSA 674:45?

YES 174 NO 55

Adjourn meeting at 7 PM. Meeting will reconvene at the Effingham Elementary School, 6 Partridge Cove Road, Effingham, on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

The Town Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM on Saturday, March 14. Moderator Susan Slack went over the Rules of Procedure and she also touched on the Covid-19 virus and the health and safety measures that we would be taking for this meeting.

Article 8. Invasive aquatic plant CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2340 to be added to the Invasive aquatic plant CRF previously established. This is a special warrant article Majority vote required. Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 9. Change the name of a CRF

To see if the Town will vote to revise the name of the previously established "Invasive Aquatic Plant Capital Reserve Fund" to the "Invasive Aquatic Plant Non-Capital Reserve Fund", in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of preventing and eradicating invasive aquatic plants that may be found in the public waters of the Town and rollover the current accrued sum of funds to the renamed Invasive Aquatic Plant Non-Capital Reserve Fund. Further to name the Effingham Conservation Commission as agents to expend from the fund. 2/3 Majority vote is required.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read. Hand count: YES 70 and NO 0.

Article 10. Storm-water Infrastructure Loan

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of developing an asset management program (Plan) for stormwater infrastructure and to appropriate nine hundred dollars (\$900) for the first year's interest payment, which will allow the Town to be eligible for Federal and State funds. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and time period thereon. Additionally, to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose and to allow the Board of Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the Federal

and State governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the repayment of the loan funds may include up to 100% principal forgiveness. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 10 to add the language: 2/3 Majority vote required. Amendment passed.

A secret ballot vote was taken and the results were 68 Yes and 3 No.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8-10.

Motion passed.

Article 11. Voting Machine ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to be added to the Voting Machine Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 12 Municipal Building ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings 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 13 Road Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of road reconstruction. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No

amount will 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 14 Planning and Land Use EFT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,875 to be added to the Planning and Land Use 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.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 11-14. Motion passed.

Article 15 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$1,707,314 for general municipal operations. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount to match the MS-737 amount: \$1,707,313. Amendment passed.

A motion was made and seconded to add \$10,000 to the legal line. Article passed as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article 15.

Motion passed.

Article 16 Fire Truck and Equipment CRF

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 17 Fire truck and Equipment CRF

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 is to come from the unassigned fund balance (which represents money 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 18 Police Safety Gear ETF

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 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 Police Cruiser ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser and 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 20 Transfer Station CRF

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 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 21 Computer Network ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Computer Network Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and 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 16-21.

Motion passed.

Article 22 Paving Green Mountain Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for the purpose of paving of a section of Green Mountain Road. 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 Police Cruiser Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purchase of a police cruiser and police cruiser equipment. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Police Cruiser and Police Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. No amount will 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 Rescind Public Safety Building CRF

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Public Safety Buildings Capital Reserve Fund created in 2003. All accrued funds, approximately \$51,000 with accumulated interest at date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 25 Snow Road Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the removal and reconstruction of the Snow Road Bridge with \$200,000 to come from the Town Owned Bridges Capital Reserve Fund and \$25,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance with the remaining \$75,000 to be raised through taxation. This article will be passed over if article 24 passes. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over this Article.

Article 26 Snow Road Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the removal and reconstruction of the Snow Road Bridge. Further, to authorize \$200,000 of this amount to come from the Town Owned Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, \$25,000 to be raised from taxation and \$75,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and 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 22-26.

Motion passed.

Article 27 Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be added to the Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance (which represents matching grant funds received from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance). 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 and seconded. A secret ballot vote was taken and the results were 60 Yes and 3 No. Article passed.

Article 28 Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation 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 and seconded. A secret ballot vote was taken and the results were 60 Yes and 3 No. Article passed.

Article 29 Disallow any further funding for Care Plus

To see if the Town will vote to disallow any further funding for services with Care Plus Ambulance Service, beyond the date of March 31, 2020. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 30 Fire Department EFT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 31 Police Department ETF

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,785.00 to be added to the Police Safety and Protective Gear Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 32 Transfer Station ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and 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 27-32.

Motion passed.

Article 33 EMS Contract

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a five year Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agreement with Action Ambulance Service Inc. and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for year one (9.31% of the total contract) with the annual contract cost increase of 3%, further the cost is to be adjusted annually based on each towns percentage of EMS volume of responses by the provider with a total five year fixed shared price of \$4,801,725.60. This total cost is to be shared by the six regional towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee and Tamworth. Annual shared cost per year are as follows: \$904,427.00, \$931,559.81, \$959,506.60, \$988,291.79 and \$1,017,904.50. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 34 Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town shall vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of Transfer Station user fees towards expenditures for the purpose of Capital Purchases of equipment, repairs, structures, infrastructure projects and site development. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund to be known as the Effingham Solid Waste Facilities Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 35 Adopt RSA 231:130-a

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 231:130-a "Notification of Unpaid Fines". Majority vote required. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 36 Library and Equipment ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,750.00 to be added to the library equipment expendable trust fund previously established. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this article.

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports

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

The Article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 33-37.

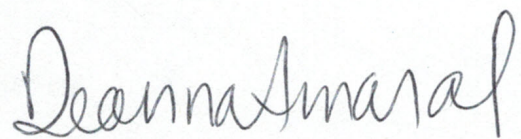
Motion passed.

Article 38 All Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deanna Amaral". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deanna Amaral

Town of Effingham

Town Clerk