





**Article 01 Election of Town Officers**

- Selectman (1) 3-year term
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1) 1-year term
- Moderator (1) 2-year term
- Trustee of the Trust Fund (1) 3-year term
- Library Trustees (1) 1-year term  
(2) 3-year term
- Budget Committee (2) 3-year term  
(1) 2-year term
- Planning Board (2) 3-year term
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (1) 3-year term
- Supervisor of the Checklist (1) 5-year term

**Article 02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2026-1**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-1 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to comply with required State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 10 Conditions of Approval for Permitted Uses Per RSA 674:16  
 To decrease the number of required parking spaces as follows  
 Section 1013 Dwelling, Multi-Family

- C. Parking: "Parking shall be provided on-site at a minimum of one space per residential unit..."  
 Section 1015 Dwelling, Two Family
- C. "Parking shall be provided on-site at a minimum of one space per residential unit..."

Amend Article 23 Accessory Dwelling Units per RSA 674: 71-73  
 To change the definition and requirements as follows:

**Section 2303 Definitions**

Accessory dwelling unit: A residential living unit that is located on a lot containing a single-family dwelling that provides independent living for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. Accessory dwelling units may be constructed at the same time as the principal dwelling unit. RSA 674:71-73

Attached/Interior: A unit that is within or physically connected to the principal dwelling unit or completely contained within a preexisting detached structure.  
 Detached Unit: A unit that is neither within nor physically connected to the principal dwelling unit, nor completely contained within a preexisting detached structure.

**Section 2304 Requirements**

- G. Parking: to change "Two (2) spaces" to "One (1) space"
- H. Lot Size: "Detached Accessory Dwelling Units are permitted on lots that meet the 2-acre minimum lot size and meet all other setback requirements."
- I. Design: 2. "Attached accessory dwelling units shall have either an independent means of ingress and egress or ingress and egress through a common space shared with the principal dwelling. However, the municipality shall not limit the choice of ingress and egress RSA 674:72, III
- P. "Accessory Dwelling Units are not permitted on rented or leased land."



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**Article 03 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: 2026-2**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-2 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with, RSA 674:39, State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 11 Section 1105 Building Permits  
To increase the length of time of the Building Permit, as follows:

Section 1105 Building Permits [Amended 2004, 2015]  
Unless otherwise noted below, a Building Permit expires 3 years after the date of issue. An applicant may request an extension of 12 months from the Enforcement Officer before the permit expires. Permits for recreational vehicles and campground structures expire 12 months after the date of issue.

[Building Permits replaced Certificates of Zoning Compliance in 2003]

**Article 04 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: 2026-3**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-3 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with, RSA 674:39, State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 16 Section 1608 Standards for Granting a Special Use Permit  
To increase the length of time of the Special Use Permit, as follows:

Section 1608 Standards for Granting a Special Use Permit  
Administration  
C. Substantial construction must commence within three years of Planning Board approval of the Special Use Permit. If construction is not commenced within this period, the Special Use Permit may be extended for up to one year upon approval of the Planning Board. If construction is not commenced within this extended period, the Special Use Permit is null and void.

**Article 05 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: 2026-4**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-4 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with, RSA 674:39, State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 17 Section 1704 Standards for Granting a Steep Slopes Permit  
To increase the length of time of the Special Use Permit, as follows:

Section 1704 Standards for Granting a Steep Slopes Permit  
A. Administration  
3. If granted, the Steep Slope Permit shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issue and shall expire if not implemented by that time, unless a longer period is specified and approved by the Planning Board.



**Article 06 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: 2026-5**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-5 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with, RSA 674:39, State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 19 Section 1911 Definitions [Amended 2025]

To increase the length of time of the Special Use Permit, as follows:

Section 1911 Definitions [Amended 2025]

Start of Construction: includes substantial improvements, and means the date the Building Permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement, or other improvement was within 3 years of the permit date.

**Article 07 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: 2026-6**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2026-6 as proposed by the Effingham Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with, RSA 674:39, State Land Use Law changes as follows:

Amend Article 22 Section 2208 Uses Requiring a Special Use Permit  
To increase the length of time of the Special Use Permit, as follows:

Section 2208 Uses Requiring a Special Use Permit

I. Substantial construction must commence within three years of Planning Board approval of the Special Use Permit. If construction is not commenced within this period, the Special Use Permit may be extended for up to one year upon approval of the Planning Board. If construction is not commenced within this extended period the Special Use Permit is null and void.

**Article 08 Municipal Building Roof Repair Project**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the repair of the Municipal Building roof. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

Description: The roof of the Municipal Building was repaired in the early 2000's, the roof is showing signs of age and it's imperative that the Town complete the repairs for maintenance of the Municipal Building.

**Article 09 Establish and Fund Municipal and Public Safety Buildings Project Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Municipal and Public Safety Buildings Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of "providing professional services, as deemed necessary, to implement all aspects of the design and development for the proposed police, fire and municipal construction projects". This article includes, but not limited to, Architectural design, project management, engineering, consulting services and/or renovation and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No sum to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0). The Budget Committee does not recommend this article (3-3) (Majority Vote Required)

Description: The Town's Building subcommittee has been working to propose new buildings to include, a meeting space, Police Department, and Office spaces at the Fire Station.



**Article 10 Establish and Fund a Fire Department Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Fire Department wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and vehicles. All revenues received from Fire Department Details, Fire Inspections, Fire Billing, EMS Billing, Mutual Aid Reimbursements and EMS reimbursements will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate for year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Fire Department Revolving Fund. This sum is to be raised by taxation. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for which the fund was created. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (4-2). (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 11 Establish and Fund Police Department Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and vehicles. All revenues received from Police Department Special Details and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate for year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Police Department Revolving Fund. This sum is to be raised by taxation. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for which the fund was created. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (4-2). (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 12 Establish and Fund Public Safety Dispatch Software Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Public Safety Dispatch Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose to "purchase, maintain and update Public Safety Dispatch Software and related equipment" and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,600 to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (6-0). (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 13 Establish and Fund Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose "purchasing, repair and replace self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related equipment utilized by the Fire Department" and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (6-0). (Majority Vote Required)



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**Article 14 Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. 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. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (6-0). (Majority vote required)

Description: The Town received Mutual Aid funds from Parsonsfield Maine on an annual basis, the amount ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This warrant article would allow funds to be added to the previously established Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (1963) which allows for the appropriation to be used to "purchase, refurbish or equip fire trucks and to fund the cost of fire department vehicles generally."

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**Article 15 Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The sum of \$10,000 is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: (Est. 1963) "To purchase, refurbish or equip fire trucks and to fund the cost of fire department vehicles generally."

This would not necessarily fund an entire fire truck so much as allow for a lesser expense or bond at the time of purchase.

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**Article 16 Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. The sum of \$20,000 to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: This previously established fund (2017) is for the purpose of purchasing or refurbishing Fire Department equipment.

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**Article 17 Operating Budget**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$2,514,425 for the general Municipal Operations. The sum of \$50,000 is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

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**Article 18 Pine River Road Paving**



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**Article 18** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$520,000 to perform a base coat for 1.1 miles and a topcoat for the entire 2.2 miles of Pine River Road. The sum of \$250,000 is to come from taxation and the sum of \$270,000 is to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Description: This appropriation would allow for the completion of the Pine River Road project. This includes 1.1 miles of base coat and a topcoat for the entire 2.2 miles of Pine River Road.

**Article 19 Police Cruiser and Police Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: This previously established fund (1990) would allow for the appropriation to be used to "purchase, refurbish, or equip Police Cruisers."

Description: The funds are to be used toward the annual lease payment of the new Tahoe Cruiser.

**Article 20 Police Safety/Protective Gear Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Police Safety/Protective Gear Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: This previously established fund (2014) is for the purpose of "purchasing protective gear, equipment, or garments for use by officers of the Effingham Police Department."

**Article 21 Transfer Station/Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

Purpose: This previously established fund (2003) is for the purpose of "constructing, reconstructing, repairing buildings, site improvements, and acquisition of equipment for recycling."

**Article 22 Change of Purpose Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund which has a current purpose of "repairing and maintaining all Municipal Buildings and parking lots" to now read as "for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and improving all Municipal Buildings and Parking Lots" and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required).

Description: This article is a request from the Trustees of the Trust Fund. This article will include wording to improve any Municipal Buildings and parking lots.



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**Article 23    Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: (Est. 1998) "repairing and maintaining all Municipal Buildings and parking lots"

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**Article 24    Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: This previously established fund (2005) is "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."

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**Article 25    Computer and Network Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Computer Network Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

Purpose: This previously established fund (2018) is for the purpose of "purchasing, maintaining and repairing municipal computer and network related hardware or software".

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**Article 26    Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

Purpose: This previously established fund (2017) is for the purpose of "maintaining town owned bridges."

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**Article 27    Emergency Management Generator Replacement Expendable Trust Fund**



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**Article 27** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Emergency Management Generator Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required)

Purpose: This previously established fund (2021) would allow for the appropriation to be used towards " purchasing or replacement of the Emergency Generators at the Effingham Elementary School, Fire Station, Town Office, or any other Town owned Facility."

Description: There is a plan for the rotational replacement of the generators. Continued contributions to the fund reduce the amount required in any one year replacement is required.

**Article 28 Invasive Aquatic Plant Non-Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Invasive Aquatic Plant Non-Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article (3-0) and the Budget Committee recommends this article (5-1). (Majority vote required).

Purpose: This previously established fund (2004) is for the purpose of "preventing and eradicating invasive aquatic plants that may be found in the public waters of the Town." The Effingham Conservation Commission are agents to expend from the fund.

**Article 29 Change of Purpose: Voting Machine Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Voting Machine Expendable Trust Fund which has a current purpose of 'Purchasing a State approved election voting machine' to now read as 'for the purpose of procuring and maintaining State approved election equipment' and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required).

Description: This is a request of the Trustee of Trust Funds. The Town has purchased a state ballot counting machine in 2025. The machine must be programmed during each election and maintained annually. Additional election equipment will also be needed as the voting and registration process is modernized.

**Article 30 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

**Article 31 All Other Business**

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