

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2016

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature and Action Folder were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of the April 19 and April 22 meetings and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$89,482.13.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Cauble asked for an update on the abandoned house next to his property. Selectman Spencer responded that a letter has been forwarded by the Town's Attorneys and he will have the Town Administrator follow up on the status.

Erik Jones brought up his concerns with all town owned parking lots. He emphasized the Municipal Building parking lot needs to be looked at, where currently there are 11 cars parked on the grass and when there is a bad rain storm half the parking lot is under water.

Rep. Ed Comeau announced there will be another work session on May 16 at 7pm at the Remick Museum on the Carroll County Agricultural Learning Center.

PLANNED DISCUSSION:

Police Chief Butts met with the Board for his monthly report. He reported there is an increase of pedestrians, runners and bikers, for all to be aware when driving. The activity at Green Mountain Treatment Center has been minimal. The Board is planning on doing a site inspection of the Police Department on May 9.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer spoke on scheduling a time to meet with Dig and Doze to see what the cost would be for tearing up the asphalt at the Library parking lot and leveling the gravel. Selectman Edwards and Espie both said that a final plan showing grades for proper drainage needs to be completed before the contractor can determine the cost.

Selectman Edwards spoke about the damage that was done on a resident's property by the plow last week. There was also some damage done on property on Planation Road during that snow storm.

Selectman Edwards brought up contacting SW Cole to come and do test boring on Steven's Road while waiting for DES permit. The cost of the testing was quoted at \$6,200.00. He will contact other engineering firms to obtain quotes for this testing and report back at the May 17th meeting.

The Board will invite the Road Contractor to a meet to clarify some questions the Contractor has on his contract from a previous meeting. Since this involves a vendor the Board may meet in non-public.

Selectman Edwards spoke to Cindy at Stoney Ridge for an update on DES permit for the Steven's Road Bridge. She had no update at the time and will be in touch later this week. Selectman Edwards will give an update at the next Board meeting.

The Board had a discussion about the Granite Road Bridge Project

It was reported by Selectman Edwards the granite posts for the cemeteries were delivered and have been installed.

Selectman Edwards reported the height of the retaining wall at the transfer station is 8'. Before a container could be brought in for metals the material at the retaining wall must be dug out and insulation be placed to protect the footing at frost level. He will contact Dig and Doze and get a price to dig out the material.

Selectman Espie will be attending the Cemetery Trustee workshop in Shelburne NH on May 26th. Our Town Administrator will register him for the workshop.

OLD BUSINESS:

"No Trespassing" signs for the Salt Shed will be purchased and installed.

Site walk on Molly Philbrick Road took place on April 22. Selectman Edwards will contact the Road Contractor to go out and look at areas marked and come up with pricing to do the repairs.

Selectman Spencer will coordinate with Bruce from Allstate and Road Contractor to schedule the calcium chloride application.

Selectman Espie had a conversation with the property owner next to the Bryant Cemetery where the large tree came down. The owner is willing to take part in getting the debris taken care of, but is concerned with the cost of removing the tree. The Board agreed that a grapppler is needed to remove the tree. Selectman Espie will get some quotes for tree removal and also speak with the Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding the Bryant Trust Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Silent Poor Cemetery off of Moody Road was located by Selectman Espie. He reported stumps had been pushed against stonewall from the logging operation. The cleanup will take some time to remove debris, branches, mowing etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Strauss asked if there the Selectman have a schedule for grading and calcium chloride the roads. The board responded the road maintenance will be completed by the end of May. Dave also asked if the non-public involved Camp Marist, Selectman Spencer responded with yes it does.

Tom Thompson referred to the Northern Border Regional Commission, 2016 Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program-Grant. He expressed the Snow Road bridge replacement could possibly benefit from this grant.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3, II (a-e)):

Report on discussion with the Town's Attorney

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Roll call vote to go into non-public at 6:50 pm

Non-public adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:20 pm

Date:_____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie