

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

December 22, 2015

Selectmen present: Lawrence Edwards

Henry Spencer

Absent: Tim Eldridge

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of December 15, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$180,730.82.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Bill Piekut asked if included in the manifest was remaining money paid out to the Library? Selectman Spencer said no money has been paid to the Library as of yet, only a request by letter was made.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Burbank from the Fire Department presented to the Select Board his monthly report. Included in the report was an update on the mini pumper truck. The truck is still 10th on the assembly line and expected here in February 2016. Department radios were discussed, Chief Burbank reported he is in the process of writing a grant for \$40,000.00 to purchase 10 new radios; this grant does not include repeaters. Chief Burbank will contact DRED to see if they will consider putting a repeater on top of Green Mountain.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer reported the summer road contractor has wrapped up summer road maintenance. Selectman Spencer presented a plan he had drawn up for the roof over the propane tanks at the Library. After much discussion with Selectman Edwards it was decided it would make more sense to have the tanks moved away from the building by 3 feet. Selectman Spencer will contact the propane company and see what the cost will be to move the tanks. Discussion took place around the granite pieces left behind at the School Street property, it was decided the granite slabs would be moved to the transfer station for safe keeping. Selectman Edwards will contact John Edwards about moving the granite slabs.

Selectman Edwards reported on a complaint he received from a property owner on Bailey Road. The property owner stated his concrete retaining slab was damaged by the logging trucks driving down the road and he was also concerned with his chimney cracking. Selectman Edwards will go to the property and see what the damage is. Selectman Edwards reported Granite Road reconstruction is done for this year and work will resume in the spring adding and replacing culverts, along with shoulder work.

OLD BUSINESS:

No discussion took place on (Elm Street Property) Tax Sale Auction.

Resident Bill Piekut asked if the summer road contractor was being paid hourly or by a set contract amount for the reconstruction of Granite Road. Selectman Edwards reported the summer road contractor is paid an hourly rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

The announcement was made there will be **NO** Selectmen's meeting on December 29, 2015. Discussion took place about purchasing (8) eight granite posts for the town cemetery. Selectman Edwards will acquire an estimate for the cost of the posts. The Selectmen will hold a work session on Thursday, December 24, 2015 @ 9:30 am to vote to carry over the money for 2016.

Winter Roads: Selectman Edwards informed Selectman Spencer the winter road contractor was out still at 11:00 am sanding and salting Pine River Road today.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Maureen Spencer wanted a clarification on the granite posts being purchased for use at the cemetery. She said at past meetings it was discussed the metal posts were going to be used, why then are they purchasing granite posts; Selectman Spencer stated the granite posts are for marking the corners at the town cemetery not for cording off the cemetery. Maureen Spencer asked if the granite from the School Street property is going to be used some day at the library, why are they delivering them to the transfer station. Selectman Spencer stated for security purposes.

Resident Eric Potter commented on how nice it is to have Selectmen's meeting videotaped.

NON-PUBLIC:

At 5:50 pm Select Board voted to enter into non-public to discuss a complaint received regarding library operations.

Non-public adjourned at 6:15pm

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Road budget issue

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards