

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2016

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folder were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of March 15th and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$44,410.97.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Timothy Murphy addressed the Select Board about the locks being changed in the Selectmen's Office. Tim expressed his concern about the number of employees on the town's payroll and one cut should be to have one of the Selectmen do the job of the General Assistance Administrator. Bill Piekut stated he did that job for 5 years and with all the state, county and local regulations, the position does need to be held by someone other than a Selectman.

Karen Payne representing the Preservation Society gave an update on the improvements they are making on the grounds. One of the projects is bringing the footpath for the public around the Library side of the building instead of Route 153. Karen requested that when there are projects being done in the town involving stone such as granite, the Preservation Society would like to obtain some granite for steps to complete the footpath.

PLANNED DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Board met with the Transfer Station Manager, Mark Brussiere for his monthly report. Selectmen met at the transfer station with Mark to assess the area that floods. Asphalt will be cut out, stone put in, asphalt replaced and ditching done. Mark informed the Board that water is getting into the waste oil bin and costing the Town additional money to have it pumped. He recommended the construction of a roof over the containers. Mark will obtain quotes for replacement and provide them to the Selectmen's office. Mark would like the Board of Selectmen to review the transfer station's holiday closure policy. He is having a difficult time finding employees to work on Easter Sunday.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Town House Road, Bailey Road, and High Watch Road to Route 25 are slated to have crack sealing this year. The Board agreed to use the same vendor that was used last year. Selectman Edwards will contact the vendor to come out and walk these roads for a quote and timeline.

Selectman Spencer reported on the conditions of Pine River Road, Wilkinson Swamp Road and Jones Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Two more granite posts will be purchased for a total of 8 to complete the project at the cemetery. The Board discussed hiring someone to install the posts this spring.

Selectman Edwards questioned how the key for the community room will be acquired for the painting session that is scheduled for Friday, April 1. It was agreed the individual will sign out the key and return it back to the office by placing it in an envelope and sliding it under the door. The individual responsible for the key will understand that they are to leave the room the way it was when they came in.

There was discussion about having an engineer examine the abutments at the Granite Road Bridge. Selectman Edwards will obtain prices for the examination and have that information forwarded to the Selectmen's office.

Selectman Spencer reported on having a conversation with Mr. Watts at DES on the South River Spill. Mr. Watts expressed to him that the Effingham's emergency response team did a great job. Mr. Watts reported that the boom is still in place and DES has been obtaining water samples weekly.

NEW BUSINESS

Effingham's Zoning Enforcement Office will be changing the hours of operation to 5:00pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Rebecca will place the change on website, business cards, notice board and her telephone message.

Ralph Thompson and Selectman Spencer will be the Lakes Region Planning representatives.

The Board of Selectmen will speak to public safety officials about reviewing their policies for 2016. Fire Chief Burbank informed the board that his department reviewed their and policies in January 2016. Selectman Spencer will speak to Police Chief Butts.

Selectman Spencer will be in touch with Lakes Region Planning about available grant information.

The Board agreed to have HEB Engineers meet with them in the near future about "Bridge Aid". Selectmen's office staff will contact HEB and schedule the meeting.

The Fire Department will do their monthly reporting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning with April 19th. Fire Chief Burbank reported there will be training on the new mini pumper this Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 am at Fire Station 2. Delivery of the replacement truck will be

delivered in another couple of weeks. Chief Burbank asked for permission for the fire department to board up the lean-to for training of their members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Thompson asked the Board why Molly Philbrick Road was York raked before the April 10 opening of the road. Ralph reported that the stakes will be completed on Molly Philbrick Road by April 10. Ralph reminded the Board that perambulation at the Ossipee, Freedom and Maine town/state borders needs to be done. Mr. Thompson reported seeing Waste Management trucks have been riding over town posted roads. Selectman Spencer will look into restrictions by the State for Waste Management.

Discussion took place on when weight limits were going to be lifted in Effingham and if it was common for the State of NH to notify Effingham when they will lift their limits. Selectman Spencer will contact local state garage to see what their restrictions are for Waste Management.

David Strauss asked why the budget for road repairs was overspent last year. Selectman Edwards responded that it was due to heavy rain storm damage and ditching. David asked why calcium chloride would be put down the day before 5" of rain was expected. He suggested road maintenance contractor watch the weather more closely in the future. Selectman Edwards suggested laying Calcium Chloride twice a year on dirt roads, with ½ the material used each application.

Erik Jones representative of the Historic District Commission asked the Board to give authorization for Historic District map revisions. The new maps will be done at no cost to the town by Lakes Region Planning Commission. The Board gave their approval.

Henry Spencer will serve as the Selectmen's representative to the Historic District Commission this year. Leonard Espie will serve as representative on the Planning Board and Lawrence Edwards will serve as representative on the Budget Committee.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION

The Board discussed road and bridge issues

Board adjourned at 7:51 pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie