

**Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

February 21, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
 Lawrence Edwards
 Leonard Espie
Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A Feirick

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The board approved the regular minutes of February 14, 2017. The non-public minutes of February 14, 2017 were approved with a vote taken by the board to be sealed until February 20, 2020. Manifest was approved in the amount \$20,879.20

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Murphy reported the roads are in horrible shape this winter. Area of Green Mountain and Range Road there is a bad frost heave that he reported to the Selectmen's office a couple of weeks ago. Selectmen Spencer will reach out to the road contractor to make sure a sign is placed. Increase in traffic going to the Green Mountain Treatment Center, mostly out of state cars asking for directions or wanting to use the telephone. He experienced four times individuals stopped at his house for directions. He would like to see speed enforcement at this location. Tim stated he understood there would be less traffic once the change of facility took place; did they increase the number of beds up there? Tim also stated there was a recent issue that Effingham Police was involved.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Town Moderator Susan Slack met with the board to answer some questions they had regarding the process of town meeting. Susan stated she provided the Selectmen's office with a document on how the meeting will proceed; the document was presented to the board at this time. Susan asked if the board was planning on having the Town's Attorney present for article #7; Chair Spencer stated the board did not have a discussion on the presence of the Town's Attorney. The board will meet to identify which articles the individual board members will speak on if there are questions.

Enforcement Officer Rebecca Boyden met with the board for her monthly report. In this report she talked about enforcement of violations, how to go about the Province Lake campground

violations; special exceptions. She stated a renter on Gray Fax Road is starting up a mechanic shop on the property; she has tried to contact the property owner that is a LLC with no success. Selectman Espie offered to work on this. Rebecca spoke on the property on Snow Road that was granted a permit to place a trailer temporarily; if there is a movement against the property owner there must be a better way to handle the situation. Selectman Spencer informed her they are planning on setting up a meeting with land use boards and the zoning enforcement officer to clarify better the process when some of these issues up.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Procurement Policy: a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm for awareness, no further discussion or changes until town meeting.

Snow Banks: Plantation, Simon Hill, Hobbs and Bonnyman Roads needs to be winged back.

Steven's Road property: Selectman Spencer reported after hearing back from the Town's Attorney, the back wall is what falls under RSA 155, not the cellar hole;

ECC Property: a thank you letter to the seller from the town will be drafted up by Selectman Spencer. The seller went out of their way for the purchase by Effingham Conservation Commission.

Steven Road Bridge: Evans Bros. still needs to reset jersey barriers, Selectman Spencer will reach out to them. Board asked if Town Administrator followed up on RFPs for professionals.

LRPC grants: Selectman Spencer will look into further and will be attending LRPC meeting on February 28, 2017.

Fire Department's SOPs and SOGs were presented to the board for their review; Selectman Spencer reminded the board members to review them and sign off. Selectman Espie stated he already spent time review and signed off.

Molly Philbrick culvert: Selectman Edwards spoke to Eckman Engineering about the engineering plan for the culvert replacement and they stated they can do it for \$200.00. After some discussion by the board, permission was given to have them proceed; Selectman Edwards will contact Eckman Engineering. Selectman Edwards asked if the Selectmen's office received an email of quotes for engineering services from Eckman Engineering; as of this time no. Town Administrator was notified and once received she present it to the board.

Transfer Station: Selectman Espie spoke about the decision to change the date of transfer station stickers; after much thought he felt April 1st was not a good date. The board discussed several different months that may be possible. Selectman Spencer motioned that renewal would be June 1st to May 31st, 2nd motion was made and the vote carried. Selectman Espie did mention that at some point the board should look at budgeting to have the Selectmen's office opened more hours to the public. Michael Cahalane stated while we are on the subject of transfer station tickers; he brought up a question from a camper at English Campground to have a day once a year for them to dispose of refrigerator, tv, large items; statement was made a campground is a commercial business and they should be supplying means for the campers to dispose of such items.

Town Meeting Warrant: Selectmen reviewed warrant and signed by Selectman Spencer, Edwards and Espie.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Regal reported not seeing on the agenda where the board will be working on a road plan for next year; it was expressed there is a road plan available in the Selectmen's office for his use. Michael Cahalane spoke on the UNH t-square training he attended late last year; along with "Hard Road to Travel" workshop. The information they supply is valuable for the town regarding standards for road building in the future.

Maureen Spencer asked how Tim Murphy knew about the incident with a Green Mountain Treatment Center resident; Selectmen Spencer replied a relative of Tim's was involved and had informed Tim.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A: II (C))-None

Adjourned at 7:00pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie