

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

January 5, 2016

Selectmen present: Tim Eldridge
Lawrence Edwards
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm

The Select Board voted to enter into non-public to discuss vendor staffing

Non-public adjourned at 4:35pm

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of December 22, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$82,559.36.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Carol Pfister asked the Board if they would consider having a Planet Aid container placed at the transfer station. She recently spoke with the organization and requested information in writing to present to the board in the near future. The closes one currently is in Ossipee.

Resident Tom Hart recommended the board post "No Trespassing" signs at the 144 School Street property. He reported a lot of individuals on the property since the recent demolition.

Resident Edith Sharp expressed a concern with so few residents utilizing the Meals on Wheels program. Currently there are only three (3) residents in Effingham receiving meals. She feels there are more individuals in town that could use the program, how do we get the word out there. Selectman Spencer is going to contact Jim, Assistant Director of Meals on Wheels to see how we can get the word out to residents who could utilize the program. Resident Mr. Buzzell suggested Selectman Spencer put this topic in his article.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The Board met with Police Chief Timothy Butts for his monthly report. Included in his report was weather related accident on Ryefield Road, an overweight logging truck going over the Steven's Road Bridge. He suggested the Board place signage closer to the main roads alerting drivers of the weight limit on the Steven's Road Bridge. His concern is once they get to where the posted signage is currently they have no place to turn around. He reported he was contacted about a car going over the side of the road at the Salt Shed; a tow truck had to be called to get the car to safe ground. Chief Butts suggested the Board place cones or jersey barriers to prevent this from happening again.

Resident Eric Potter addressed Chief Butts on his concerns with hearing about break-ins or potential break-ins around Town House Road and Libby Road. Chief Butts stated that the police department has not been alerted to such activity.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Eldridge stated after reviewing budget vs. actual the Granite Road reconstruction is over budget and there is still work to be done in the spring. An estimate for additional funds to complete the project is needed.

Selectman Spencer reported no road concerns now that winter is here.

Selectman Edwards will contact John Edwards to have the granite slabs moved from the School Street property to the transfer station. Selectman Spencer recommended if after one year the slabs have not been used then the town should consider putting them up for sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectman Eldridge reached out to Constantine Realty about putting the Wilkinson Swamp Property up for sale. He did not receive a call back; he will now contact other realtors regarding the property.

Discussion on the sale of 144 School Street property took place; decision was made to carry over to sell.

NEW BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Budget is scheduling to be worked on this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Bill Piekut asked the Board about the auction outcome for the property at 192 Elm Street. Selectman Eldridge responded that it was sold.

Resident Maureen Spencer thanked everyone for their donations to the children's winter clothes drive. She stated the Elementary School is still looking for more winter clothing. Ms. Spencer reported she has acquired updated literature for services available throughout the county. The information will be placed in the showcase in the foyer at the Municipal Office.

NON PUBLIC-None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BU THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN;

Ongoing budget meetings

Meeting with Stoney Ridge will be on January 12, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Date:_____

Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards