

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

September 20, 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 September 12, 2016 regular meeting and September 14, 2016 work session and weekly manifest in the amount of \$59,428.13.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Effingham Conservation Commission Chair, Emelyn Albert presented to the Board a Purchase and Sale Agreement Extension good until the end of 2016. The property they are trying to acquire is on Pine River Road. She reported ECC was not able to raise the money needed and now are working to seek funding for the purchase. Chairman Spencer signed the P & S and obtained a copy for the town.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Highway Contractor met with the Board for his monthly report. Included in his report was the progress being made installing culverts on Granite Road; grading was done on Bonneyman Road again and he reminded the board there is one more road grading that has not been scheduled. He reported there is beaver activity on the Pine River Road culvert, same culvert we hired a beaver trapper for just a few months ago. Selectman Edwards stated he would get the name and contact info of another trapper. The Contractor reported when they were out inspecting roads after the recent rain storm, no damage reported on Molly Philbrick Road where the two turnouts were removed. Selectman Spencer asked the contractor to place some waste material over the previous metal storage area at the transfer station. Selectman Spencer informed the contractor that a document from Amerigas is available in the Selectmen's office for the trench requirements needed to move the tanks. Selectman Espie suggested putting conduit in the trench for power. Resident John Meisner asked the Board if power and gas could be in the same trench; Discussion with Highway Contractor on reopening Wilkinson Swamp Road for the winter, Bob responded it would be best to keep it closed.

Fire Chief Burbank met with the Board for his monthly report. The department will meet at the school next month for "Fire Prevention Week". The new property owners at Ryefield

Apartments are prohibiting the annual fire inspections. It has been a month since his last contact with the owner. Chief Burbank will try again if not cooperative; he will contact the State Fire Marshall. He provided the Board with all certifications and licenses of department members as requested. John Meisner stated in the past history of owners not allowing Fire Department doing inspections the State Inspector was contacted. Chief Burbank was asked if the Board decided to reopen Wilkinson Swamp Road for emergency purpose, can the equipment travel over the bridge; Chief Burbank's response Engine 2 could not. Selectmen Spencer asked Chief Burbank about what effect does closing Molly Philbrick Road have on emergency responses; his response was, it needs to be left open. Chief Burbank reported training is ongoing.

Rebecca Boyden, Zoning Enforcement Officer met with the Board for her monthly report. Rebecca reported increase in building permits and has been working with the Planning Board on AUD language on requirements.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Roadside mowing is complete. Selectman Spencer went out to Jolly Roger Campground on the complaint the Board received, no one was there to speak to; he will follow up.

Discussion on placing a convex mirror at transfer station to avoid traffic issues at a blind spot; the Board agreed to placing posts/cones to direct traffic flow, Selectman Spencer will look into purchasing the items. Two messages have been left for Sunday Paving to obtain pricing for paving projects. Currently the town is paying \$58.00 per ton with delivery for salt from Morton, Selectman Spencer will obtain the actual tonnage the Town has purchased in the past and call other vendors for their pricing.

The Property the town acquired for unpaid taxes on Morris Avenue, the Town's Attorney advised the town to hold off on placing "No Trespassing" signs on trailer and property until the court case is resolved. Selectman gave kudos to the Historic District Commission for the good job they did on updating the guidelines for the historic district. A thank you to the Fire Chief for moving the forestry truck out so HDC could hold a public hearing at Station 1.

Selectman Edwards will obtain square footage of the Library parking lot. He reported there is a yellow railing at the transfer station that needs to be cut away to obtain access to the metal container. The Board will work on the RFP for the Elm Street bridge maintenance at the end of tonight's meeting.

Selectman Espie stated no update on the sub-committee for Town Hall/Library Update on alterations to front platforms at Municipal Building; he will paint toes of the platforms and he mentioned Van Dyke's hasn't returned his calls. Selectman Espie was told Van Dyke's was here this morning measuring for the railing. Selectman Edwards informed him he had spoken to them. The roof on the portico has been completed by Limerick Steeple Jacks and it looks great. Selectman Espie has recently walked Woodland Cemetery and noticed the blueberry bush he found about 6 weeks ago is still there. He will reach out to the plot owner and remind them it has to be removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hearing for the injunction will be on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Carroll County Courthouse.

Boston Cane: Resident Erik Jones has offered to draft up guidelines for the Boston Cane. He will inquire with others towns on their process and report back to the Board.

Costs for the ditch line work have not been received by the Highway Contractor. This project involved the Province Lake Watershed Alliance and Town of Effingham.

NEW BUSINESS:

In mail folder: a OSHA workshop in Laconia on October 18, 2016 runs until 4:30pm-Selectman Spencer will be signing up.

Selectman Spencer spoke on the Governor Wentworth Regional School District's decision to only allow the Town to hold their voting at the school through to March 2017. He explained Fire Station 2 is not a conducive to hold voting there (bathrooms are not handicap accessible) and the Municipal Office is not large enough because voter numbers continue to increase. GWRSD is trying to form an advisory board to work on this further. Included on this advisory would be a Selectman(s) from Effingham and New Durham.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Meisner asked to the Board about the quote of \$300,000.00 given by HEB for Steven's Road Bridge, did this include paving the bridge and road? Selectman Spencer replied the board reduced the figure brought to the budget committee because no paving would be done.

Erik Jones asked for permission to plant daylilies on the triangle at Stillings Lane; he was given an ok to plant. He informed the Board, from his observation at the Library/Town hall the clapboards are not in good condition.

Resident Eric Potter referenced the voting situation and the decision the GWRSD made on voting restrictions. He recalled a situation back in 1976 that transpired with Governor Wentworth Regional School District and he recalled them stating "they will do whatever they want".

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

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Elm Street Maintenance RFP was worked on and review of bid recommendations from Bacon Engineering. The Board scheduled another work session for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., a notice will be posted.

Adjourned @ 8:30 pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

