

Town of Effingham

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Leonard Espie
Michael Cahalane

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook
The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:08pm

The Mail, Manifest, Signature and items in Action Folder were reviewed and read to public.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The board approved the minutes of March 20 and March 27, WS of same date. All in favor.

The Manifest was approved in the amount of \$88,318.73, all in favor.

Mr. Meisner made a motion to not seal the NP minutes that took place at 4:30. Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doris Sirois Co-Director of The Freedom Food Pantry explained the implications of the cut to their funding from the town. The Selectmen agreed \$1,000.00 in funding should be returned to the Food Pantry. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to make the funds available. Mr. Meisner seconded, all in favor.

Rep. Joe Kenney introduced himself to the town and Selectmen. He commended the Board for their decision to fund Food Pantry. He let Selectmen know of the of several funds available. The Water Drinking Trust Fund, Northern Border funds. See Molly Keller at Dept. of Business and Economic Affairs. Applications will be taken till May 9 for late summer awards.

Mellisa Seamans announced a committee is being formed to celebrate Effingham's 240th Birthday. A meeting will be held at Library April 4,6-7pm.

She also asked the Board for transparency and changes to how meetings are held.

Mr. Meisner replied things will be different this year and we will take it under advisement.

Tim Murphy asked if an earlier meeting time was ever considered.

Mr. Meisner replied 5pm time is a used as convenience for office staff as there are preparations and changes coming in.

Gary Dean asked about having a Road Agent instead of a road contractor.

Mr. Meisner stated the road contractor system is working for now and will be meeting with him about a tentative grading plan for year. Mr. Cahalane added, budget for roads has to last all year so different approaches need to be looked at to save money but doesn't support a road agent at this time.

Chris Seamans supported having a road agent. He also suggested involving town's people in offering their expertise when decision making about roads as there are many knowledgeable people in this subject. He also offered to pick up signs at prison in with approval from Ossipee.

Randy Burbank, Fire Chief, stated the septic tank at fire station is ready to be pumped but may have other issues.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Espie asked How do we feel about a town cemetery on Moody Road. Work would need to be done to clear trees and cleaned up and town funds would be needed for maintenance.

Rebecca Boyden replied there is a statewide agency that could help with getting it started. Contact NHoldcemeteryassoc. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cahalane replied it is a nice project but not on his plate right now.

Mr. Meisner said he would consider it.

Mr. Espie will check into getting a sign to designate poor cemetery/ farm.

Mr. Espie will be the new Health officer.

Mr. Cahalane announced Effingham Clean Up day is April 21. Meet at town office for assignments and BBQ lunch. 9am to noon.

The need to discuss pay raises. Mr. Meisner stated they will have a non public meeting to discuss.

Road side mowing will need to get started in bidding process.

Steven's Road Bridge forms need to be filed with state for safety. Check with engineer on process.

Mr. Cahalane will be attending a certified training course for Transfer Station.

Review town signage inventory.

Check into costs of shoulder repair on Town House Road.

Mr. Meisner announced he will not be at April 17 meeting

He brought up the Molly Philbrick culverts still need cleaning.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Edwards asked about The Snow Road Bridge.

Mr. Meisner replied there was no reply from Eckman yet.

The Selectmen immediately went into non public meeting at 8pm

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II(a,c))-Selectman Cahalane made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Meisner seconded. Roll-call: Mike Cahalane-I John Meisner -I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Meisner

called non-public @ 8:00. Selectman Meisner made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Espie. at 9:30. Public session reconvened at 9:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Espie, seconded by Selectman Meisner, all in favor.

Adjourned 9:31

Michael Cahalane

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner