

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

November 3, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature and Action Folder were reviewed. Selectman Eldridge reported that the Select board received a thank you note from a resident to the town for cleaning up the mess (trees removers) left in front of his property.

Pledge of Allegiance

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

The Board approved the minutes of October 27, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$60,053.52.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Mike Cahalane brought up a comment that was made by a selectman last week about a vendor in public, that should have been brought up in non-public. Selectman Edwards stated that this comment was about a billing error question not an accusation about the vendor. Mike Cahalane recommended letting the process take place before bringing it to the public. Selectman Edwards feels we need more time before or after the Selectmen's meetings.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Police Department, Chief Butts reported that there was a theft on Green Mountain Road around Halloween that some mums and iron figures (that might a lot to the residents). There still is an active drug problem in Effingham with (2) two heroin overdoses recently in the town. Chief Butts and one of his officers met with representatives from NH Homeland Security at the Elementary School. A review of his department's plan if there was an active shooting incident. That information is going to Concord and a report will be sent to the Superintendent of the SAU.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Selectman Eldridge announced that there is a spaghetti dinner to benefit the hockey team on Wednesday, November 4 from 5pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Selectman Spencer reported that as Health Officer for the town he did follow through with a site visit to the residence that filed a mold problem with the town. In his site inspection he noted a large amount of mold. Selectman Spencer will be in touch with the State of NH for advice. A call will be made to the Town's Attorney to clarify the town's liability on this matter. Water testing at the transfer station will be

happening within the next week. Mark, Transfer Station Manager did obtain a water sample but it didn't make the cutoff date for testing. Another sample will be obtained next week.

Selectman Edwards reported the road paving on Champion Hill Road has not taken place as today. The Road Contractor has tried making contact with Lakes Region Paving with no call back. Selectman Eldridge will call and follow up also. Granite Road re-construction was not started on November 2<sup>nd</sup> as previously reported because the Road Contractor's equipment broke down and there is no official start date. Selectman Edwards reported that the logging operation that took place on Snow Road didn't clean up the material they brought in so trucks could move in and out without causing damage to Snow Road. Update: taller posts are needed sign on Granite Road bridge closure. Fire Chief Randy Burbank stated there are 10' posts in the shed.

Update: Trailer on Rumney Hill Road, Selectman Edwards has not made contact with the owner. He will take care of it this week. Resident Eric Potter said if the owner of said trailer is permitted to continue doing this, what about the Potters blocking Libby Road with logs. Mr. Potter suggested the board check with legal counsel for assistance on this matter. The Select board agreed to wait another week for Selectman Edwards to make contact with Rumney Hill property owner.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Champion Hill Road and re-construction on Granite Road was reported on under **Selectmen's report**. Multi-year plan for road maintenance was reviewed and approved by all three Selectmen to adopt as a final plan.

Selectman Eldridge reported that the board has received an example for a snow removal RFP from the NHMA and he will draft up for the Selectmen to review at the next meeting.

A letter has been sent from the Selectmen's office to the property owner on Granite Road asking for permission to make a temporary turn around for snow plowing while the Granite Road Bridge is closed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

H. E. Bergeron, Engineering will be coming out to meet with the Board of Selectmen and to do a site inspection of all bridges on November 4, 2015 @ 9am. A request was made in advance from the Engineering firm to have copies of the DOT bridge(s) report available. The request was completed and on the Office Assistant's desks.

Green Mountain Road re-construction for 2016 was discussed further and that Selectman Eldridge is going to be meeting with F. R. Carroll for the cost of paving and a request was made to the Road Contractor to give the Selectmen's office a cost estimate for the preparation work.

Reminder: ZBA has a hearing on Wednesday November 4 @ 7:00pm. Town's Attorney Matt Serge will in there to answer any questions.

Selectman Eldridge asked for an update from the other Selectmen on their board assignments. Selectman Edwards stated he has attend several of the Planning Board meetings, he did miss last month's. Reminder: Planning Board is meeting on November 5 @ 6:30pm. Selectman Spencer has been attending Historic District meeting, with the expectation of one because he was going to be out of town.

Agent assignments: Discussion took place around road liaison not always sharing information and making decisions individually not as a whole board. Selectman Spencer expressed that he is willing to be the liaisons for winter roads. Selectman Spencer expressed his concerns about how the current road liaison dealings with the summer Road Contractor and DOT. All Selectmen need to remember that they are working as an entire board not individually. With much discussion a motion was brought forward that

Selectman Edwards would continue working with Road Contractor on Granite Road project and Selectman Spencer would now be the road liaison. Vote was taken and Selectman Spencer and Selectman Eldridge were for the change and Selectman Edwards opposed.

The new **tax rate** is set at 12.47 per thousand.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NON-PUBLIC:** None

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:** Review of 2016 budgets- met with Fire Department, Emergency Management, Police Department, Dog Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

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Timothy Eldridge

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards

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