

Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Leonard Espie
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

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 minutes of October 10, 2017 and work session, Manifest was approved in the amount of \$ 322,335.70.

Selectman Spencer reminded all those in attendance to follow rules of conduct for meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Augenti had concern with Selectman Meisner's approval for work done by mowing company in town, he suggested Selectman Espie be in charge as road person. Selectmen Spencer replied, the roadside mowing is done for safety and snow plow not beautification of roads.

L. Edwards asked if Board could have a vote to put Selectman Espie in as road person. Selectman Spencer replied all 3 Selectmen make decisions not one particular person. Mr. Edwards noted his discontent with Selectman Meisner and statements made at bridge work on Steven's Road. He added that he will sue town if anything else is said about him. Selectman Spencer acknowledged his discontent and stated the bridge is complete and we should move on.

Mrs. Edwards asked if he knew what he asked Steve Gard. Selectman Meisner replied he didn't recall.

She then approached the table with a letter for Board to view. Selectmen Spencer and Espie did not recall seeing letter previously. Selectman Meisner replied he had a copy in his personal folder. He recalled he had said we should stop construction until we are all on board and was watching out for the best interest of the town.

Cheryle added she had placed the letter in the mail folder and suggested Selectmen should sign off on letters when read.

Selectman Spencer stated he had no problems with any activity of other Selectmen but if Selectman Meisner was doing anything he would hope it would stop. He was not sure how to rectify situation. Mr. Edwards said Mr. Meisner should resign. Selectman Spencer stated the situation will be reviewed after the meeting.

Mr. Augenti commented the reason the town hired an engineer was to take responsibility for project.

Selectman Spencer remarked that personal remarks that were said outside of the meeting can't be controlled. Mr. Augenti suggested one person to contact for answers and maybe the board could vote on that.

Resident asked what is the cost of sand/salt.

Selectman Spencer replied the state price. \$60,000 budgeted for winter roads.

M. Cahalane commented after attending 7 training sessions he recommended options for consideration involving environmental impacts pertaining to Molly Philbrick culvert.

Selectman Spencer acknowledged the importance to environmental impacts on projects.

Mr. Cahalane offered positive encouragement to Selectman Meisner recalling how he helped get town out of financial hole and was glad to have him on board.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Zoning Enforcement monthly report.

Fire Department to report at later date.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

***October 24 5pm Transfer Station Fees Public Hearing followed by a regular work session.**

***Will be working on Selectmen's budget.**

***review mowing contract for high branches, Snow Road, Molly Philbrick, erosion on Colcord Hill.**

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Steven's Road dry hydrant problem, needs to be raised out of silt. Contact Randy. E. Edwards suggested to move it to the other side. Selectman Meisner will call Eckman for options.

Grading due to start Monday.

Selectman Spencer acting as Health officer reported a bed bug and mold problem in a rental unit, will ask town attorney for advice.

2018 BUDGET ISSUES:

Improvements at transfer station, cement wall removal

Increase money for road maintenance,

SB38 general culvert work, earthwork

Paving Green Mountain Road

Fire Station apron and repair, heating

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Edwards asked if payment for bridge was in folder. Cheryle replied they are still waiting for sign off from Eckman email. Check can be issued 7 days from being received, checks issued on Tuesdays.

Mr. Cahalane offered comment on where bridge plans went wrong.

Selectman Spencer stated bridge is open and safe, no more comment needed.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II(c))-Selectman Spencer made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Espie seconded. Roll-call: Henry Spencer-I John Meisner -I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Spencer called non-public @ 6:40. Selectman Spencer made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Espie at 6:50. Public session reconvened at 6:50 pm.

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:50 and immediately went into a work session.

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

ADJOURNED: 6:50

Henry Spencer

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner