

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

February 2, 2016

Selectmen present: Tim Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

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

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

The Board approved the minutes of January 26, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$21,626.07.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Deputy Chief Bill Piekut announced that the Effingham Fire-Fighter Association is offering a scholarship to a high school senior. Applications are available from Kingswood Guidance Office and any Effingham Fire-Fighter. Closing for applying is the end of April 2016.

Resident Tom Thompson handed out an article to the Selectmen and Secretary to file with today's minutes on **NH Legal Perspective: Looking at drainage and run-off: Where does the water go?** Mr. Thompson highlighted "**municipal responsibility**".

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

The Board met with Police Chief Timothy Butts for his monthly report. Included in his report the department's meeting with Green Mountain Treatment Center, the center is still on line to open by the end of next week. Chief Butts and Sargent Saco attended a workshop on additional protocol on Sexual Assault Investigation.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Selectman Eldridge reported on the excellent presentation the Effingham Elementary School students did at the recent School Board meeting, titled "Inventors".

Selectman Spencer addressed the over expenditure of the summer road maintenance contract line and asked Selectman Edwards to respond to any questions regarding the over expenditure at town meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Next Selectmen's meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 instead of Tuesday, February 9th (NH Primary Voting Day).

The Steven's Road Bridge Permit and Engineering Plan are slated to be received on February 9th, 2016. Selectmen had further discussion about the dry hydrant proposed at the Steven's Road Bridge. The

dry hydrant would be located downstream from the bridge. Selectman Spencer reiterated the importance of having professional oversight for the bridge and ground work.

Fire Truck Accident: Town has not received a report from our Insurance Carrier. An Independent Adjuster has been assigned to the case. Fire Chief Burbank reported that the Thermal Imaging Unit is currently out being evaluated and the hoses have to wait until April for their inspection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget Public hearing is tonight at 7:00pm.

A draft of the Selectmen's report for the Annual Report has been handed out to the Selectmen for their review. Selectman Spencer asked them to get their additions or corrections back to him by tomorrow Wednesday, February 3.

Selectmen will be sending a letter and the grading schedule to the Summer Road Contractor. Purpose of doing this is to receive some guidance from the Contractor. Resident John Meisner stated he highly recommended the Select Board do this, it is a great idea.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Bill Piekut stated the Select Board needs to have tighter control on road grading. He suggested the removal of the decking of the Granite Road Bridge. Selectman Edwards stated one of the proposed plans includes removing the decking. Before making any decisions the Select Board needs hard numbers.

Many residents expressed the one-million dollars proposed for the Granite Road Bridge replacement is over inflated.

**NON PUBLIC**

At 6:10 pm the Board voted to enter into non-public.

Personnel: Discuss personnel matter.

Discussion on the Town Fire truck accident

Legal: Discussion on having the town attorney present at Town Meeting in March.

Non-public adjourned at 6:35 pm

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN: None**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

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Timothy Eldridge

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards

