

**Town of Effingham  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
John Meisner  
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

The Mail, Manifest, Signature and Action Folder were reviewed: Selectman Spencer read the list of items from each folder to the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The board approved the regular and non-public minutes of April 11, 2017. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$32,575.85.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Karen Payne from the Preservation Society, announced the Preservation's 2nd annual Drake's Corner Street Fair on Saturday, June 24. The Preservation's opening day is Memorial Day weekend. She announced a presentation by the NH Preservation Alliance of "52 barns in 52 weeks"; is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Preservation Society. She heard there has been discussion once again about replacing windows at the Library. Karen informed the board the Preservation Society recently purchased an historic window, expecting it to be installed this spring. She extended an invite to the board to come by and take a look; she also has information available to share on the window.

Erik Jones, Library Trustee announced the upcoming program in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States involvement in WWI. On Saturday April 22 the library is having a presentation by Dr. Marion Girard Dorsey on WWI-Chemical Warfare at 1:00pm.

Dave Strauss said after hearing about replacing the three landings on the modular at last week's meeting; he pointed out after reviewing the municipal buildings line, there doesn't appear to be enough money available for the landings. Dave went on to say the board has already earmarked \$5800 to come out of that line item for the fire alarm at the library. Dave recommended the board continue to pay closer attention to spending, Selectman Spencer stated the board will have to sit down with the Town Administrator to get a clearer understanding.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Fire Chief Burbank was called away prior to his monthly report. Zoning Enforcement Office was unable available.

Dave Eckman from Eckman Engineering met with the board to review items related to core samples on the west side of Granite Road; Dave will go back to the site and work from the river for bedrock location. Dave spoke about the replacement of the Snow Road Bridge not having high velocity stream. He explained a poured in place bridge noted as option 2, costing \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. He explained the process of option 2 includes poured footings, drive sheets, and poured decking. Option 2 is the bridge

he explained at town meeting. He touched on option 3 being a precast replacement; this option adds more money to the cost. The estimate for the precast (comes in pieces) would be \$275,000.00 to \$300,000.00, not including the cost of contracting a crane to put the precast in place. The town could expect the road to be closed for six weeks. Dave recommended the board contact Waste Management in advance to evaluate the use of Colcord Hill Road to get to the transfer station. Depending on the outcome, the town may consider relocating the dumpsters on other town property while Snow Road is closed. Dave informed the board he has a core group of bridge contractors he has worked with; he can refer them to the town. Dave stated to the board, the reason for DES permitting is for restoring the stream bed back the way it was.

## **ROADS AND BRIDGES:**

### **WORK SESSION:**

The next work session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, at 4:30pm. The board will continue working on the road maintenance specs to mix the wording from the Procurement Ordinance. An RFP for engineering services needs to be worked on.

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Henry Spencer:** The engineering plan for the Library/Town Hall was given to each of the Selectmen for review. This plan can be used when it is time to work with grant writers for the continued restoration of the building. Dave Strauss once again offered his services on this project.

Weight limits on town road: after a discussion the board decided to wait another week before lifting.

Pine River Road culvert: the entire culvert needs to be replaced; Henry will contact Dig N Doze on the actual cost for the work.

Watershed Alliance: **work on Bonnyman Road;** hold off until road maintenance contract is complete.

**Lenny Espie:** Molly Philbrick culvert the need for an engineering study. Selectman Espie is watching the scouring concerns on Stevens Road; he reported there is still a lot of snow. Selectman Espie reported a beaver issue on Huntress Bridge Road; he and Mark are keeping an eye on the situation. All the Selectmen are in agreement if a trapper is needed, Selectman Espie will make the call.

Selectman Espie said he spoke to Paul Miller about taking care of the gas tank he hit during the winter at the Municipal Building. Paul had told him he would reach out to the gas company and see if they will replace it; no update from Paul.

**John Meisner:** obtained information on services available through Team Engineering NH., they come out and evaluate every building you have, what the needs are, cost of the need and how to budget every year. He will leave the info in the office for the board to look at.

Selectman Meisner had a conversation with Ryan at OSHA about the metal steps for the transfer station. Ryan suggested the town go wider than the opening of the compactors if possible; not mandated. Several sizes were discussed and the 48" x 24 seemed to be the best; reminder the larger the step gets, the heavier they will be to move around by the workers. Selectman Espie will go and speak to Mark at the transfer station and make a decision on the size.

The Selectmen's office will reach out to Edwards Construction to have them take a look at the cement skirting at the fire station.

Consolideck still needs to be ordered to treat the salt shed.

The revised quote for the landings on the modular will be available for the next Selectmen's meeting.

The proposals were received from Amidon Electric for \$1500 and \$2000 for adding outlets and to replace lighting in the Police Department. Selectman Spencer doesn't know where the money would come from to do this project and suggested it be placed on hold. Reminded the board this is a project that must be done sooner rather than later.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Regal asked the board why no trucking is allowed on Champion Hill Road; being a resident off Drake Road he would like to see less traffic on Drake Road. Selectman Spencer recalled he was told at one time they didn't plow Champion Hill Road; he will look further into this. Selectman Spencer will

Speak to the Police Chief. Discussion on lower speed limits on town roads is up to the State DOT, they would need to do a study of the conditions to warrant lowering the speed limit.

Dan Murray resident from Stevens Road stated where the town put jersey barriers on Stevens Road there is still a 30 tons road limit sign there, the bridges weight limit is 6 tons. He asked the board to take a look at this and make the necessary correction. He mentioned his wife travels this road four times a day with school children on her bus. Selectman Spencer will look right into this. He also asked if they have a time period to get the RFP engineering services for Stevens Road; Selectman Spencer is hoping by the end of July.

Lawrence Edwards recommends the installation for the precast be put out to bid through Eckman. He reminded the board last year they received a bid as high as \$109,000.00.

Linda Edwards asked the board if the office staff go over the folder of bills that come into the office; she mentioned the other week there was a double billing by the road contractor that Selectman Epsie picked up on. She would like to see the office staff go over them more carefully. Selectman Spencer said point well taken.

**WEEKLY DISUCSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN-None**

**NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A: 3 II (a-e))-none**

**ADJOURNED: 6:27 pm**

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**John Meisner**

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**Leonard Espie**