

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

May 17, 2016

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of the May 10 meeting and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$16,730.17.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Cauble asked for an update on the abandoned house next to his property. Selectman Spencer reported that he and the Fire Chief Burbank did their inspection. Their concern is it is an enticement for illegal behavior. Claudia the Town's Administrator thanked the Cauble's for providing the town with pictures; those pictures have been forwarded to the Town's Attorney. Reports from the Zoning Enforcement Office, Fire Chief and Health Officer have all been given to the Town's Attorney. Selectman Edwards recalls seeing an RSA that gives the power to the Fire Chief to condemn a structure.

Eric Potter reported how much he enjoyed visiting the (15) - 3rd graders at the Effingham Elementary School. He was quite impressed with the questions that came forward from the students. He announced there will be a gathering at the Center Effingham Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 18th at 7pm for the history of the (Drake Family).

Maureen Spencer expressed a big thank you to Selectman Edwards for "labor in kind" for removing brush and stumps at the Library. The Library Director received a note from a very thankful patron who travels a lot and ever so grateful to the Library staff. Author Stephen Kurkjian will be doing a presentation at the Library on Wednesday, May 18th @ 6pm.

PLANNED DISCUSSION:

Highway Contractor met with the Board for his monthly report. Grading is almost completed on town roads; several will need to be repeated. Some roads have had calcium chloride applied. Screen will be placed on culvert on Pine River Road to distract beavers; next step will be to contact a trapper to get the beaver(s). Discussion took place about the Molly Philbrick Road site walk results. Cost will be \$3500.00 to repair the sites; this includes machine, extra man and

riprap. Contractor stated some of the property owners are willing to accept the road material that will be removed.

Zoning Enforcement Office met with Board on her monthly report. Included in her report is the Granite Road property has been cleaned up. Rebecca had a conversation with Remick Road campground regarding about a camper who is putting up a deck without a permit; she will continue to follow up on the matter. Communication with English's campground is going well. Selectman Espie requested from Rebecca to include in her monthly reports a list of properties that she issued permits to noting map and lot numbers.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer will have discussion with Health Officer in Ossipee re: issue on Old Pound Road.

Selectman Edwards will contact "DIG SAFE" for transfer station and Molly Philbrick projects before any digging is started. Core sampling will be done Saturday, April 21 at the Steven's Road Bridge by **Great Works Test Boring** out of Maine.

Selectman Espie reported the estimate for the tree removal at Bryant cemetery has not been received as of today. He commented on the good job Pine River Landscaping did at the Town's owned cemeteries. He expressed he wished there was a way that all cemeteries could be taken care of. Discussion took place that at town meeting the Board could ask for more money for cemetery upkeep. Selectman Espie will speak to Mellisa Seamans about meeting with the Board on May 31st. Conversation was had with Jeff Libby, Town Forester about invasive species. His response was there are no precautions that can be taken ahead of time. Reminder to the public: is to avoid bringing wood from other areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectman Edwards reported the inspection done on modular building: Electrician will be contacted to give estimate for replacing lights over staff's desk, add outlets and possibly its own electrical panel in the Police Department. The Board recommended, Police Chief Butts put in a request to purchase a storage unit.

Discussion took place about starting the final phase of completing the Granite Road work in August. Selectman Edwards will contact Cindy at Stoney Ridge Engineering to come out to the site to determine if permits will be need for the installation of culverts.

The RFP for Steven's Road Bridge has been drafted the Board is waiting for the permit from DES to finalize the RFP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Selectman Spencer would like to acquire a copy of all department policies then schedule a date for a work session to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Thompson asked if the Board has the understanding of what is involved for replacement of the Granite Road Bridge; He expressed to the Board they need to admit they need help on this matter.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3, II (a-e)): Vendor Issue

Discussed vendor's response time; Town Administrator will follow up with a letter to the vendor with Board's concerns.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Roll call vote to go into non-public at 6:50 pm

Non-public adjourned @ 7:10 pm

Adjourned @ 7:13 pm

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

Date: _____