

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

May 9, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Leonard Espie
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

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 May 2, 2017. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$47,229.10.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Bob Battles, the road contractor met with the Board for a monthly update. Bob reported on the progress of grading the gravel roads. He noted that Huntress Bridge Road needs quite a bit of work and will require a good amount of material. Bob was asked to move ahead on getting all the gravel roads prepared for calcium chloride application. Selectman Espie reminded Bob that the Woodland Cemetery entrance needs grading before Memorial Day.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectmen have received a quote from Eckman Engineering for oversight of the Stevens Road culvert installation. No final decision will be made on hiring this engineering company until the Town's attorney has offered his opinion about compliance with the Procurement Ordinance.

The Board has received an estimate from East Coast foundation in the amount of \$6000 for building cement aprons at the fire station. The quote included the addition of rebar. The Board will pursue other estimates before making a decision on who to retain.

The Board has received a letter from the Chairman of the Budget Committee, summarizing the discussion held with Selectmen at their last meeting. Certain agreements were made at that meeting pertaining to process. In a Board discussion which ensued, the subject of employee compensation was talked about. Other issues were deciding on and pricing road projects to be undertaken in 2018. The Board had a preliminary discussion on that subject and will further consider focusing on repairing and replacing road culverts prior to paving roads. An assessment of town culverts will be undertaken. The poor condition of

Drake and Jones Road was also discussed. The Budget Committee has requested, and the Board has agreed to be prepared to present their proposed road projects in September.

Selectman Meisner suggested that he would like to know more about the option of a precast structure for the replacement of the Snow Road Bridge. Selectman Espie noted that option was more expensive than the option discussed most recently.

Michie Corporation the manufacturer of the precast culvert to be installed on Stevens Road was given the go ahead to start production of the culvert.

The Board continued discussing ideas to minimize costs for snow shoveling of Town facilities. Roadside Mowing was also discussed with focused discussion about the effectiveness of certain equipment.

The floors of the Municipal Office Building will be sealed this week.

Selectman Espie has been watching for further scouring at the Stevens Road Bridge.

Randy Burbank was asked to put together an estimate of what the cost of the repair and replacement of stairs and ramps at municipal buildings.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing fees at the transfer station. The topic of raising permit fees and charging for white goods was discussed. A public hearing will be held to get public input. Some suggestions included increasing the permit fee to \$10 per sticker and charging \$10 to \$15 dollars for each appliance disposed of.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN-

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

A unanimous vote of the Board was recorded to enter into non-public session at 6:30 pm.

Written, submitted complaints were discussed.

The Board voted to adjourn the non-public session with a unanimous vote at 6:50 pm.

The meeting, the board adjourned at 6:55 with a unanimous vote.

Henry Spencer

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner

