

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

October 10, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Leonard Espie  
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:18pm

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 3, 2017. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$24,261.22.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Maureen Spencer, General Assistance, thanked the public for all their support donating hangers and needed items for distribution when needed. She has all she needs for now.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Highway Contractor**

Selectman Spencer opened by acknowledging there was no active contract with Road Contractor.

Bob Battles from Dig N Doze asked when contract is signed who be responsible for what is in contract. Selectman Spencer replied the contract wording will be changed before signing, changed portions will be highlighted.

Mr. Battles alleged he heard how Selectman Meisner had spoken negatively about how culverts were not put in properly. Mr. Battles explained the situation where he was still awaiting approval for gravel to finish a job from a year ago. Selectman Meisner stated he wasn't aware of the situation. Mr. Battles reminded Selectman to ask him if they had questions on something before commenting. Selectman Spencer suggested a nonpublic meeting. Discussion continued on culverts.

Selectman Spencer stated the budget allows for only some roads to be graded. Dig N Doze replied most of the roads should be done except for summer area roads and will do what is necessary.

Selectman Meisner brought up 80 tons of gravel used on Huckins Pond Rd. Bob replied it hadn't been done in 3 years.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

*Contracts:*

Eckman stated that Stevens Road Bridge is complete.

Selectman Spencer made a motion to accept bridge as completed. Selectman Espie seconded, Selectman Meisner opposed.

*Roads and Bridges:*

Pine River Rd culvert: Dig N Doze will look at it but it may be too late in season to start anything.

Molly Philbrick culvert work should get started , check budget.

Snow Rd Bridge: waiting on wetlands permit by October 18. Needs sub structure work and platform.

*Fire Station:*

October 18 water heater being installed

## **2018 Budget Issues**

Transfer Station improvements, Green Mountain Rd earth works and paving,

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident concern with Road Contractor contract, Selectman Spencer stated it was an oversight.

Resident asked about the 80 tons of gravel on Huckins Pond Rd and was it authorized. Selectman Spencer stated there is substantial traffic on that road certain times of year and was needed.

Resident asked about Eckman's surveying bill, for clarification. Selectman Spencer replied, any services Eckman offered will be paid to Eckman.

Resident and Selectmen discussed the work at Steven's Rd bridge.

L. Edwards asked when he can be expected to be paid for work done at Stevens Road.

Selectman Spencer replied one week after submission of bill.

### **PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS:**

**\*October 17 at 4:30..... review transfer station budget**

**\*October 24 at 5pm Public Hearing to set fees for transfer station.**

**Regular work session to follow hearing.**

### **WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

SB38 money could be used for cleaning culverts on Stevens Rd and the catch basin on Colcord Hill Rd.

Lenny will schedule with Dig N Doze to get started, give Lenny an idea on cost.

Ambulance Service contract negotiations in progress.

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

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

Adjourned at 6:15

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**Leonard Espie**

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**John Meisner**