

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

December 20, 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 regular meeting from December 13, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$15,511.25.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

I asked for clarification on how much sand a resident is allowed to take from the transfer station at one time. After much discussion between the board members it was decided NO pickup truck loads of sand and only (5) 5-gallon buckets. It is too costly for resident to take salt.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Fire Chief Randy Burbank was unable to attend and no report from Rebecca Boyden, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Discussion on bridge funding for 2017: The Budget Committee has requested from the Selectmen a budget for 2017. Selectman Spencer's opinion is to work on Snow Road and Selectman Espie stated Snow Road is the more critical road. Selectman Edwards feels Granite Road Bridge should be the bridge to do next. He also stated he would rather wait for the report from an Engineer before making a final decision. During the discussion Selectman Edwards brought up speaking to an Engineer about coming out and doing a walk through on Granite and Snow Road Bridges. At the time no one knows the name of the Engineering Firm, Engineer or any pertinent info on the Engineer. Selectman Edwards will reach out to the Engineer again and schedule a walk through on Dec. 27th or Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Spencer requested from Selectman Edwards to once again have the information forwarded to the Selectmen's office. Once a time and date has been scheduled the Selectmen's office will post a notice, there will also be a work session after the site walk.

**Molly Philbrick Culvert:** Selectman Edwards has not heard back from Corliss Adams from NH DES.

**Small Library:** Waiting for ground to freeze to place library box on post, Selectman Spencer.

**Grants writing:** Selectman Spencer would like to place \$1500.00 in a grant writing budget line. This would be used for (evaluation) only.

**Structure on Steven's Road-** property owner (M. Rizza) had until November 15, 2016 to secure the cellar hole. Selectman Spencer will work on a letter to be sent to the property owner, referencing RSA 155. The letter will be sent out regular and certified mail to the property owner.

**Watershed Alliance:** Selectman Edwards stated the town has not received the estimate from Dig N Doze's on their part of this project. The Board has not received a written document signed by Ned Campion property owner on Bonnyman Road, allowing water to run onto his property.

**Boston Post Cane:** Selectman Espie reported the Boston Cane is with the engraver and she will notify him when it is complete. A notice has been placed on the Town's website requesting nominations.

**Library:** Selectman Espie and Fire Chief Burbank did a walk through at the Library on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 with Stu Shannon from Knight Security. Stu will be re-writing the estimate with some changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

In mail folder a letter from Fire Chief Burbank regarding some extension cord hazards at the Library/Town Hall. Library Trustee Erik Jones will meet up with the Fire Chief to do a walk thru of the items noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Tom Thompson addressed the statement made from Selectman Edwards on the Structural Engineer he spoke about. Tom asked if this individual is authorized and approved by the State of New Hampshire.

Tom suggested the Board review the summer and winter contractors for performance management and when trying to make a decision on which bridge to replace, look at how many complaints you didn't receive when Granite Road Bridge was closed, other than the Maine drivers who use it as a short cut. Erik Jones, Historic District Board member asked about the outcome from the Town's Attorney pursuit of the Lords Hill Tavern property violation. Erik is willing to put the work and money to work on the plaque for the Boston Cane. In this he will research the names of the individuals who held the Boston Cane with the understanding there were many who would not accept the cane.

**NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3 II(d))**

Selectman Spencer made a motion to go into non-public, Selectman Espie seconded. Roll call: Henry Spencer-I, Lawrence Edwards-I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Spencer called non-public @ 6:45pm. After discussion on an employee issue, a motion was by Henry Spencer to come out of non-public, seconded by Lawrence Edwards, without further discussion the motion passed. The non-public session adjourned at 7:02pm.

Board reconvened into public meeting @ 7:03pm. Toll call vote to not seal the minutes, motion passed.

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

**Adjourned @ 7:05 pm**

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Henry Spencer

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Date

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Lawrence Edwards

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Leonard Espie