

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

May 16, 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 16, 2017. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$231,698.35.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Regal, on behalf of the Preservation Society he requested the Board allow a sign to be posted at the exit gate of the transfer station, reminding patrons of the weekly bake sale held by the Effingham Preservation Society at the Grange/Drake Store Building. The Board approved the request.

A group of people from a Town House Road neighborhood attended to have an open discussion with the Board, regarding some of the frustrations they are encountering in dealing with the Town's enforcement of perceived violations of public health and safety issues present in their neighborhood. The vexed property owners and Selectmen exchanged ideas and reviewed of the history their complaints. All were in agreement that a solution to their neighborhood concerns, which preserves the rights of all under the law, is what is sought. Some of the allegations/concerns that have been posed involve dead animals on a farm, and farm animals and dogs allowed to run free into the roadway or into neighbors yards. There is also a question about sewage disposal or lack thereof.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Road contractor, Bob Battles briefed the Board on ongoing road maintenance, which is primarily grading. Huntress Bridge Road has required a lot of work this year.

Rebecca Boyden, Zoning Enforcement Officer reported to the Board.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Damon Steer, reporter for the Conway Daily Sun asked the Board about their position on an issue pertaining to a hearing recently held by the Ossipee Planning Board. Effingham was not notified of the hearing and the Board has been asked to waive the necessity of scheduling another hearing. The Board

expressed their interest in requesting another hearing in order for Effingham's interested parties to glean information and provide feedback.

After conferring with Town's counsel, the Board will retain Eckman Engineering for oversight of the Stevens Road culvert installation. Mr. Eckman will also be asked to look at the Elm Street bridge, which is scheduled to have some needed maintenance/repair this year. He will be asked to prepare an RFP for the project after he has assessed what is needed.

The Board agreed that the Town's handyman should start work on the stairs of the modular unit at the Municipal Office Building.

The Board will take a final look at the present specifications for annual roadside mowing and then put it out for bid. They also will continue to discuss options for snow shoveling of municipal facilities.

#### **WEEKLY DISUCSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN-**

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

The board entered into non-public session at 6:50. They met with the Town Administrator to review resumes and applications for the positions of office assistant and transfer station attendant. The discussion ended at 7:05 pm. The Board immediately voted unanimously to come out of non-public session followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

At the conclusion of the Selectmen's weekly meeting, members of the Board joined an ongoing meeting with land use board members.

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**Leonard Espie**

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**John Meisner**