

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folder were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of March 15th and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$22,139.47.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Betty Brown asked Selectman Edwards his views and expectations for the town. Betty extended a thank you to Selectman Edwards for the work he did (plans) on the Steven's Road Bridge. Betty also expressed her concern on inappropriate language was used by Selectman Edwards at the last selectmen's meeting where there was a minor in attendance.

Carol Pfister stated she would like to see Steven's Road become a dead end road. Carol Pfister (Trustees of the Trust Funds) informed the Select Board they needed to appoint three (3) trustees to the Silent Poor Trust Fund. Carol also clarified that the School Fund that was initially set up for the Effingham School (no longer exists). Carol had a conversation with the Attorney General's office they said the fund could be turned over to the Effingham Elementary School. Carol would like to speak to the school's principal and see what their needs are. Only the interest in this fund can be expended.

Eric Potter reflected on the "Silent Poor" fund. He was asked back in 2002 by Marion Kirkup to come up with individuals who would benefit from this fund. He stated back in the 1800's Effingham operated a town farm on Moody Road where residents could go there for food.

Blair Folts, Director of the Green Mountain Conservation group reported on the 275 gallons spill from a home on Granite Road, draining into the South River. Selectman Spencer stated the Town wasn't aware of a spill and the town was never notified by DES. Blair reported that GMCG has been testing at the Mill Falls location all the way to Maine. Fire Chief Burbank was notified that DES was leaving the boom at the site to contain the spill over the winter with weekly checks. Selectman Spencer will contact Gardner at the Waste Management Division of DES for a report on the spill. Resident Chris Seaman's asked if we knew how much this cost to clean up?(Should this just read- Blair notified the Board of Selectman, discussion ensued and Selectman Spencer will be in touch with DES)

Theresa Swanick stated in reference to 91-A, the website is capable of personal emails separate from municipal business.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire and rescue call report.

SELECTMENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Edwards suggested splitting the town roads between all three (3) Selectmen for weekly inspections. Entire Select Board was in favor of this suggestion. Selectman Edwards motioned to change the lock on Selectman's office door. Discussion took place; all agreed this is a good idea. The Town Administrator will see that it gets replaced.

Road Concerns; Road Contractor will get a fresh load of cold patch to continue filling in holes on the roads.

Selectman Spencer reported on flooding (huge puddle) at transfer station that needs attention. He made mention of the used oil container leaking, water gets into the oil; suggested the town build a shed over it to keep water out. Discussion took place on Selectmen not having meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month for the entire year. This will be a work session for Selectmen; the public is welcome to attend. Not necessary to have a recording secretary in attendance. Motion was made, seconded and all in favor to make the 4th Tuesday a work session.

Selectman Spencer asked Selectman Edwards to bring all plans and paperwork he has on the Steven's Road Bridge. He stated it is important to keep all of this information in a bridge file in the Selectmen's office to be used for future bridges that need repair or replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with Planning Board and Zoning Enforcement Officer

In attendance: Planning Board members; Joanna Bull, George Bull, Gary Jewell, Theresa Swanick and Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rebecca Boyden. The communication between the Board and Rebecca has been working well. Rebecca has been helpful in fast tracking the process that the Planning Board has set up for town residents. Steps are Planning Board writes the ordinances, town votes on the ordinances and Zoning Officer enforces the ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Selectman Spencer as the Board Chair this year.

Items to be discussed during the Select Board's work session: follow-up on Grant Writer, RFP- Steven Road Bridge, financials for road plan and items to be works on at other work sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Thompson handed out Chapter 91-A to the Select Board and Recording Secretary, reminding where the Board of Selectmen stand.

Ralph Thompson asked the Board who is writing the RFP for the Steven Road Bridge? Selectman Spencer responded that the Board of Selectmen will with the guidance of Richard Bacon from Bacon Engineering.

Chris Seamans spoke on how the Town Ossipee presents their RFP for projects. He recommended a policy to allow the Selectman to do the same (bonding, RFP, Bids, etc). The process would be for the town to send directly to the business and post in the paper.

Tim Murphy suggested to the Board they should consider developing a highway department. If the Board looks at how much is spent on mowing, road agent duties; this collectively could become a full time position.

Betty Brown asked Selectman Spencer if the public is allowed to view the Town's financials; Selectman Spencer response was the financials are public information and he suggested that she contact the Selectmen's office to set up a time to view them.

NON PUBLIC

Non-public with Town Administrator for Personnel issue

Motion was made and all in favor to go into non-public @ 7:00pm, adjourned non-public at 8:00pm

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN-none

Board adjourned at 8:10pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

