

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

December 6, 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

Selectmen Spencer announced the minutes will be transcribed from a recording

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The board approved the minutes of the work session and regular meeting from November 29, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$509,245.38. Included in the manifest is a school payment in the amount of \$293,016.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Meisner asked if the cold patching was completed, because there is a hole in the travel lane on Elm Street near the Ossipee town line.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Butts met with the Board for his monthly report. Chief Butts reported on the continuation of the dog issue on Town House Road. Two neighbors have sent letters to the Selectmen's office. Selectman Spencer will be reaching out to Bill Suggs.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

The board voted to carry over \$176,794.98 for the Steven's Road Bridge project and \$10,073.57 carry over for Avitar.

Waste Material Leveling Agreement: The board reviewed the final changes and voted to accept. The Selectmen requesting a copy without the watermark be sent to them.

Cold Patch-Cold patching is done and any remaining material has been removed from the salt shed.

Molly Philbrick Road- Selectman Edwards did try contacting Corliss Adams from NH DES again, with no response. Selectman Edwards stated he spoke to Bob at Dig N Doze and Bob only reported working on the overflow at this culvert two times. Selectman Edwards reported he requested from the office any plans for the following roads, Town House, Bailey and Highwatch. He reported receiving documentation on Town House Road and Bailey but they were not plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pine River Road culvert: Beaver issue: Selectman Edwards reported on being out at the Pine River Road culvert to install the fencing at the culvert. The water was 6" high and starting to freeze. While he was there he saw three beavers and reached out to the beaver trapper (Mike Nason).

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

Grants: Selectman Spencer reported there is no funding available and it wasn't budgeted for. It was suggested the Selectman set up a line item to budget for grant writing. Resident Erik Jones stated to the

board they could pull the money out of the Town Hall Restoration fund, if this is only specific to the Town Hall/Library. He also said the board should check with Fire Chief Burbank to find where he pulls the money out for grant applications. When getting a sub-committee together: the Masons, Historic District Commission and Library staff should be included.

Structure on Steven's Road-the property had until November 15, 2016 to secure. Property owner has not as requested. Selectman Edwards will reach out to the property owner again. Selectman Spencer will forward an RSA that references this particular situation.

Boston Post Cane: Selectman Espie is meeting with an engraver this Thursday, she does free hand engraving. He will review the document that was presented to the board and see if there will be any changes. Selectman Spencer will place a blurb in his newspaper article about sending in any nominations for the Boston Cane to the Selectmen's office. He will do up the blurb and have it sent to the two other Selectmen for their review.

Transfer Station: Selectman Spencer suggested to Selectman Espie he have something written up for town meeting regarding the logic behind increase in permits and restricting contractors from unloading at the transfer station.

Selectman Espie and Fire Chief will be doing a walkthrough at the Library on Monday, December 12, 2016 with Stu Shannon from Knight Security. They will be going over the estimate and items recommended for fire detection.

Signature Page for Fire Department: Discussion on the document Selectman Spencer drew up for the Selectmen's signatures after the board review sogs and sops with the Fire Chief. This page will either be placed at the front or back of the documents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erik Jones reported receiving a letter from the Board of Selectmen, asking the resident to contact Avitar to schedule and interior inspection of the property owner's home. He stated Avitar isn't very flexible for days and times. This makes it difficult for residents who work all day or work away from Effingham. Mike Cahalane stated he asked at previous meetings where the initial Procurement Policy, Elm Street and Fire Department Procedure came from and was told at previous meetings they internet. Selectman Edwards responded the information came from others towns.

John Meisner asked if the grading, including the roads and dates they were done are available to the public. Selectman Spencer responded, yes they are in the Selectmen's office. John reminded the board to be cautious and to be more transparent.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A) – None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Adjourned @ 6:35 pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie