

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

July 5, 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 June 21st meeting and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$171,429.36.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Library Trustee Maureen Spencer announced today is the last day to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Library. The Friend's books sale has been canceled and not rescheduled.

Eric Potter mentioned Milton Moss is buried in the Center Effingham Baptist Cemetery and has been receiving a flag. There is a commemorative holder in place from the Milton MA police. Mr. Potter explained that Mr. Moss wasn't even old enough to participate in the Civil War. Mr. Douglas, whom places the flags each year, needs to be notified that Mr. Moss be removed off the list. Tim Murphy recommended the Milton MA Police should be notified before removing the holder. Tim has assisted Mr. Douglas in placing the flags; he will speak to Mr. Douglas.

Edith Sharp mentioned in her travels on Nutter Road; she noticed a wire hanging down about 3/10 of a mile up. The Board clarified it is not an electrical wire and Time Warner will be notified.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief Butts met with the Board for his monthly report. He reported that it was very busy this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. He has ordered the secured locker for the department. Selectman Espie informed Chief Butts the replacement back door has been ordered and is expected to be in tomorrow. Selectman Espie and Randy Burbank will workout a schedule out to install the door with a one day notice.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Selectman Spencer gave an update on moving the propane tanks at the Library. Amerigas will be forwarding to the Selectmen's office the estimate and recommendations on what needs to be done to relocate them. He spoke to DOT about setting up date to track traffic flow at Nutter Road and Route 153. Selectman Spencer referenced the estimate the office received from F.R.Carroll for the Green Mountain Road for paving. The updated estimate from Dig and Doze was received by Selectman Edwards and was not brought to the meeting. Selectman Edwards reported he received a copy of the draft RFP from Bacon Engineering. Selectman Edwards noted there are a couple changes that need to take place. He will make those changes and forward to the Board members and Selectmen's office. Selectman Spencer asked Selectman Edwards if a copy was given to the Selectmen's office. His reply was no, he just received it today. This lead to further discussion on the importance of having all documents sent directly to the Selectmen's office. A copy of the RFP draft will be left with the Town Administrator at the close of the meeting.

Selectman Edwards reported the estimate for relocating the scrap metal container is \$1500.00. This includes digging up material, placing insulation and placing stone. The cost to dig up the asphalt and cement from the municipal walkways will be \$500.00. No estimate is on record from Lakes Region for the paving. Selectman Edwards looked into gates across class IV roads, they are allowed but should not be locked. Suggestion was made to look up property owners on either side of gate at West Range and Jack Russell Road. The follow thru with contacting the property owners and make them aware the gate can stay up but it can NOT be locked. Update on second application of calcium chloride; this will be held off for now until grading is to be scheduled. Grading will not be done on Granite Road until the culverts are installed. The Board reported there are small sections of dirt roads in washboard condition. Selectman Edwards will contact Dig and Doze with a list of those roads that need attention. The **Core Sampling** on Steven's Road bridge project is scheduled for tomorrow July 6<sup>th</sup>. These services will be provided by Geotechnical Services Inc. Geotechnical Services Inc. has received the signed agreement and the Selectmen's office is in receipt of their W9 and Certificate of Insurance.

The Board signed the Michie Corp. pre-cast contract and will return it with the required deposit. Selectman Edwards followed up on an inquiry that resident Mike Chalane had made on services that HEB provides. Selectman Edwards secured quotes for HEB services that were much higher. Selectman Edwards expressed that HEB would include in their contract wording that would protect HEB from liability.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Selectman Spencer reported on the site inspection that took place on Plantation Road from a complaint placed by a resident. The complaint was verbally told to the Board of obstructions in the roadway. In the resident's complaint he referenced RSA 236.39 and RSA 231.90/92. After much discussion the Board decided that a letter would go to the property owners, requiring them to relocate the obstruction back 16" or remove entirely.

Discussion took place between Board members on the Town hiring an Engineering firm for project management and over site of the Granite and Snow Road bridge projects. Selectman Edwards reported we have a quote for such services from S. W. Cole in the bridge file and mentioned he spoke to Harry Wetherbee from GSI about providing the town a contract for these services. Harry is currently unavailable to provide this information for today's meeting.

Selectman Espie reported he did measure for and purchased an air-conditioner for the transfer station building. He will meet up with Randy Burbank to install. He will be involved in handling the correct measures for the walkway replacement. Bill Piekut told the Board the walkways were built to standard measurements; if you start referring to them as ramps then you will need to place railings and other ADA fixtures.

Modular repairs: Selectman Espie reported Electrician Dana Amidon is scheduled for next Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> to install electrical shut off for the modular. Lenny stated he doesn't feel this meets electrical codes and the Town shouldn't be responsible for materials, since this should have been done 10 years ago when the electrical upgrade was done. Selectman Espie will contact Dana and speak to him about the location for the shut off. He reported the skirting is fine around the modular and not to put more money into this structure; rather the Town should be looking at replacing the building in the next couple of years.

Selectmen Edwards and Espie reported on the **Road Workshop** they attended a couple weeks back.

No update on the rescheduled closing from Realtor on the Wilkinson Swamp Road property to date.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Set-up of subcommittee for work to be done on the Town Hall/Library to be continued. Selectman Spencer mentioned inviting Mellisa Seams to be on the committee.

Discussion to redo porches at library will be continued to next meeting. Board is attending the meeting this evening at the Ossipee Town Hall for the Westward Shore Campground issue.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Piekut emphasized the importance of engineering over site for the Steven's Road bridge project; Selectman Spencer agreed. Selectman Edwards stated Harry Wetherbee is going to be the Engineer.

Chris Seamans recommended the Town look into the original deed stating the width of Plantation Road. He stated that this road has been like this for his 43 years of life. He does understand the importance of public safety; he would like to see further discussion on this matter in future meetings.

Mellisa Seamans asked the Board to review the Emergency Run Cards with the Fire Chief. She understands that Freedom is not on the list for calls. She expressed the importance of Freedom being called especially if the call is on this side of Effingham. She feels that the accident that happened last week on Rte. 25 may have had a different result if Freedom was toned out. She stated “egos” have to be put aside when it comes to public safety. Selectman Spencer stated the Board will take this under advisement.

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

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

Adjourned @ 6:45pm

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards

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Leonard Espie