

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

January 26, 2016

Selectmen present: Tim Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest, Action and Signature folders were reviewed.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

The Board approved the minutes of January 19, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$76,531.62.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS: None**

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Selectman Eldridge announced The Governor Wentworth Regional School District's Deliberative Session is on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00am at the Arts Center. The next meeting of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will be held at the Effingham Elementary School on February 1, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Selectman Eldridge reminded everyone now is the time to sign up for Elected Positions until January 29, 2016. Selectman Eldridge announced he has signed up for the position of Selectman. On February 3, 2016 there will be a (Vendor Bingo) at Sunny Villa Restaurant to benefit the Fire Explorers-Post 234 trip to the Fire Academy on summer.

Selectman Spencer asked for clarification on where the money would come from before Town Meeting if the roads needed repairs due to mud conditions. Discussion took place on drafting a job description for a position of Town Road Warden. Selectman Spencer will spend time drafting the job description. He spoke of some key points he will include in the description. The Select Board is aware there is no money in the budget for this position.

Selectman Edwards would like to have a work session on reviewing policies for all departments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Online transactions for payment of property taxes and vehicle registrations are going well.

Discussion took place over installing a dry hydrant on Steven's Road when work is being done during bridge construction. Fire Chief Burbank was asked if he thought that a dry hydrant is a good idea. The Chief highly recommends that a dry hydrant be installed at that time. Resident Bill Piekut stated that depending on the width of the bridge the fire truck could possibly pump from the bridge.

Selectman Eldridge gave an update on the Library Parking Lot “Plan”, he has been in touch with Bergeron Associates, and they will be working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the plan.

Select Board will follow up with Rebecca Boyden, Zoning Enforcement Officer on an update regarding the trailer on Rumney Hill Road.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Announcement was made the Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Selectmen’s meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 (NH Primary Voting Day) will be held on Monday, February 8 at 5:00 pm

Reminder to Town Committees and Boards need to get their Town Reports in by Friday, January 29, 2016 to the Selectmen’s Office.

Research was done for pricing to purchase Plastic/Corrugated “Frost Heave” and “Weight Limit” signs. Cost per sign will be \$11.00. Board agreed to proceed with the purchase

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Chris Seamans asked the Select Board whether the Annual report will be dedicated. Selectman Eldridge stated the dedication will be to 2015 Civic Award Winners.

Resident Erik Jones asked the Select Board to consider a warranty article to do away with the Agricultural Commission since all the member terms have expired.

Conservation Commission Chair Evelyn Albert introduced Kamal Nath as the new Alternate for the Conservation Commission.

Resident Kamal Nath asked the Board if they were aware that the new drug treatment center is opening next week. Selectman Eldridge responded that yes the town is aware. He said, when Green Mountain Treatment Center representative met with the Select Board it was announced they received the go ahead from the state to open around February 1, 2016. Kamal also asked if the Timber Harvest was completed yet. Select Board confirmed the cut has not been completed; final report has not been submitted.

#### **NON PUBLIC**

At 5:50 pm the Board voted to enter into non-public. Discussion took place with the General Assistance Administrator on an issue with a resident in town receiving assistance.

Prices were set for sale of town owed properties at 144 School Street and 94 Wilkinson Swamp Road.

Discussion ensued on insurance and liability coverage for those who can ride in or on town owed vehicles.

Non-public adjourned at 6:40 pm

#### **WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN:**

Ongoing budget meetings

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

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Timothy Eldridge

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