

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

November 14, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Leonard Espie
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

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 November 7.
Manifest was approved in the amount of \$26,067.14

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Highway Contractor Dig N Doze Bob Battles.

Selectmen thanked Bob for a job well done on the storm clean up. Mr. Battles thanked Selectman Espie for all his help. He reported that there were over 140 trees down and by 1pm all roads in Effingham were passable. They are busy grading roads now before they freeze and have gotten up to Nutter Road. They will get back to clearing branches and chipping when finished.

Selectman Spencer asked if there would still be time for Molly Philbrick.

Selectman Meisner added if a ditch could be put in at the water problem on Elm Street.

Mr. Battled replied he could do both.

Selectman Spencer reminded him of best management practices on Molly Philbrick and added that it doesn't seem to be a wildlife corridor. He asked Mr. Battles for a rough estimate on further brush removal as budget was tight.

Mr. Battles explained a request was sent to FEMA for \$25,000 to help with the budget.

Selectman Spencer asked about Colcord Hill Rd when Snow Road Bridge is out. Mr. Battles replied we will make it work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fire Warden Thompson expressed his pride in our Fire Dept, all roads were open after the storm.

Resident from Elm Street stated repeated concern over freezing water coming into road, as well as dog unleashed, goats in road and multiple unregistered cars.

Selectmen were well aware of problem and have done all they can, the next step will be talking with town attorney for further advice. Selectman Spencer stated they will make a public response as soon as he can. Two Selectmen have gone out to visit the property this week and found the water issue dangerous as it ices up. The area was sanded for safety.

Resident also offered concern for the children the school bus lets off at the intersection of Champion Hill and Elm, suggesting maybe they could stop further down Drake Rd.

Selectman Spencer replied he will talk to Tim Eldridge on the School Board.

Resident Coleman stated her concern for the animals at the Elm St residence, as all animals need food, shelter and vet care.

Resident Henry L remarked he realizes Select Board and police are aware of the dog problems at Town House Rd. and neighbors can't even use road freely. He also brought up the water situation. Selectman Espie reported that when he spoke with the owner and asked her to control the water she answered she leaves it running so it doesn't freeze in line.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Espie thanked Dig N Doze for a job well done. He also thanked Lawrence Edwards for saving the town a ton of money on the Steven's Road Bridge.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS FOLDER:

Continue ZOE guidelines, third draft

Budget

Transfer Station Manager job description

CONTRACTS:

Elm St Bridge: Selectman Meisner will call Eckman to see what the hold up is on the contract.

Ambulance Service: Selectman Spencer explained the situation with ambulance response times. The Fire Chief and Rescue teams are setting up protocols to meet obligations. We will be sticking with who we have as we now have a solution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Edwards asked Board how much Town is paying for 1 yard of sand delivered to salt shed.

Selectman Meisner responded 520.00 a ton from Evans Bros. he was not sure of yard prices.

Mr. Edwards wanted to know why it wasn't out for bid and was it a Board vote to not put it out.

Selectman Spencer responded we are doing what we have done for years.

Selectman Meisner added as stated in procurement policy we can stay with the current supplier if we are content with them.

Mr. Edwards commented on how it was still not put out to bid.

Mrs. Edwards suggested updating website on a regular basis.

Selectman Spencer replied he will get in touch with web person.

Mr. Edwards asked what the plan for Green Mountain Road is and will an engineer oversee the project.

Selectman Meisner replied project is going forward and submitted to budget committee and an engineer will be kept under advisement.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Spencer, seconded by Selectman Meisner, all in favor.

Adjourned 5:58

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

Henry Spencer

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner