

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

January 19, 2016

Selectmen present: Tim Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Henry Spencer

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm –Meeting with Stoney Ridge Enviromental on the Steven's Road Bridge report, Rick Bacon from Bacon Engineering and Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Enviromental spoke on their part of the report. The time line: The Engineer will give his numbers to Cindy at Stoney Ridge by early next week: will take another two weeks for Cindy to file for permits. There is a 75 day wait before the permits are received approved. During that time the Select Board will get an RFP ready and search out companies that do this type of work. Once the permits are received, the RFP can be sent out to these companies. The Town is looking at the Steven's Road Bridge being completed by next fall. DES requires this type of work to be done when it is dry. The Select Board is looking at approximately \$200,000.00 for the bridge replacement.

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

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

The Board approved the minutes of January 12, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$26,561.91.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Carol Pfister presented the Planet Aid Container contract to the Selectmen. The container will be located next to the old shed at the transfer station. The Town Administrator will sign and return the contract.

State representative Ed Comeau introduced himself and explained: local towns do not benefit from Plant Aid.

Resident Sheila Jones announced she is not running for Supervisor of the Checklist for the next term. Having put almost 20 years in as Supervisor it is time to move on. Sheila welcomed interested parties to contact her if they have any questions on the responsibilities of a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Resident Mellisa Seamans addressed the Board about utilizing the Town's website to post meeting dates, times and agenda for Selectmen's meeting.

Resident Chris Seamans stated that Time Warner offers a service for smoke and fire detection. Chris said maybe the Town can contact them for information for the town hall. Fire Chief Burbank informed the Board that he is meeting this Friday with an Alarm Co. that offers this service.

Resident Erik Jones announced there is funding for restoration of Historic Building available through the Moose Plate program in New Hampshire. Maybe this is an option that the Town could consider for restoration of the Town Hall.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

The Board met with Fire Chief Burbank on his monthly report. The Chief reported he is doing ok since he was involved in the fire truck rollover last Wednesday. He reported that all equipment has been removed from the truck and stored at the fire station. The Chief had a conversation with Lakes Region Fire and the cost to replace this truck would be approximately \$400,000.00. During that conversation it came up how critical it is to get the pumper truck delivered soon, if possible. He has been in contact with the Insurance Company that insures the truck; their report is not finalized as of today. Chief Burbank mentioned that all surrounding towns have been notified of the situation and will be available for mutual aid. He announced that currently one fireman is taking the EMS course.

Many residents expressed their kind words to the Fire Chief.

Resident Mellisa Seamans asked if the State Police finished their investigation on the accident yet. Chief Burbank responded it is not complete.

Erik Jones asked the Board if the Town needed a warrant article to accept and expend the money that is received from the damaged fire truck without a hearing.

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

Selectman Eldridge reported the Board of Selectmen are meeting with the budget committee this evening at 6:45pm. He did clarify the bridge aid process that he talked about last week. The Granite Road Bridge falls under the accelerated process. In this process of Town has to fund the entire amount for bridge replacement before the Town would receive the refund. Selectman Eldridge explained the difference between closed bridges and redline bridges.

Selectman Spencer reported that a culvert header needs to be replaced on Pine River Road. It was reported some residents have concerns with an individual shoveling snow on to Green Mountain Road. Selectman Spencer requested that item of "Road Agent" be placed on next week's agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Real-estate commission information received for the sale of the town's two properties. Discussion took place and it was decided to go with Exit Realty. Commission came in at 5% with Exit vs 10% commission from Costantino. Board approved Exit Realty; Selectman Eldridge will contact Exit Realty.

Selectman Eldridge recapped the discussion that took place with Stoney Ridge Environmental and Bacon Engineering.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**NON PUBLIC-None**

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

Ongoing budget meetings

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

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Timothy Eldridge

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards