

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

April 12, 2016

Selectmen Present: Henry Spencer   Lawrence Edwards   Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The 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 April 5th meeting and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$38,672.19.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Cauble requested an update the dilapidated property next door to him. He came before the Board with this issue last year. He referenced an RSA about the Town's responsibility on matters such as this. The Select Board will consult the Town's Attorney.

Janet Bartoswicz announced that she is collecting new/gently used stuffed animals for the children in town. She asked for permission to have a drop off box at the Municipal Office, permission was granted. Janet asked when the grading will be started on the roads in town. The grading is starting tomorrow.

Maureen Spencer announced that there will be a CPR Course at the Library on April 22 at 4:00pm, there is one spot still available. Interested parties should contact the Library. Effingham Road Side Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 30. Interested parties can meet at the Municipal Office between 8 am and 9:30 to pick up bags, grabbers and assigned road(s). All will meet back at the Municipal Office for a BBQ at noon.

Emelyn Albert addressed the Board to sign an extension to the purchase and sale agreement for the Effingham Conservation Commission purchase of a parcel on Pine River Road.

Eric Potter announced the Historical Society is having a program Friday April 15 at 7:00pm. Mr. Potter will be discussing Effingham Schools of years ago. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served after the program.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION:**

Chris Fournier, a representative from HEB Engineering met with the Board to review the NH DOT bridge aid program.

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

Selectman Edwards reported he has been working on the RFP for Steven's Road Bridge project.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board approved the insurance proposal submitted by Primex and voted to adopt a resolution to abide by their terms and conditions.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Maureen Spencer, Cindy Espie and Paul Potter as Trustees for the Silent Poor Trust Fund.

Resident Tom Thompson reported that he has placed stakes and caution tape on Molly Philbrick Road. The Board set a date for April 22 @ 9:00am to walk the property with Tom Thompson.

The Board was made aware of the importance of obtaining W-9 forms and liability and worker's compensation insurance from all businesses that are involved with projects in the Town of Effingham.

Discussion took place about purchasing a monitoring unit to be installed on the wood pellet furnace. The purpose for this module would be for heating contractor to monitor the operation of the furnace. The cost of the unit is approximately \$1400.00, the board agreed to proceed with this purchase.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pine River Landscaping will be starting the municipal building landscaping maintenance. Discussion took place about removing sand from the Library and Municipal Building parking lots. The landscaper usually does this. The Board of Selectmen requested a price for sweeping the lots.

Resident Donna Marks reported that a tree was cut from the wires on Highwatch Road some time ago and the wood was left on the side of the road, she doesn't want the wood. She asked if the town would be picking it up. The Board will have the town's road maintenance contractor remove the wood.

Selectman Edwards and Selectman Espie will be attending the site walk to review the "erosion project" on Bonnyman Road.

The Board is requesting the attendance of our road contractor at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Pine Rive Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Strauss reported that there are a couple trees down on the side of Jack Russell Road. He also, asked how the town fared the recent rain storm. The Board responded that there were no major wash outs.

Library Trustee, Maureen Spencer asked the Board to notify the Library when the removal of sand from the parking lot will take place. Maureen also asked Selectman Edwards if he was still willing to remove stumps on the knoll at the Library. Selectman Edwards is still planning on doing this as an in-kind gesture. Maureen brought up an RSA identifying junk yards on private property in Effingham. Selectman Spencer stated there have been no complaints to date.

Tom Thompson pointed out a conversation during the Selectmen's work session about receiving four price quotes for concrete work and the need not to send out an RFP. Tom also asked who was writing the RFP and who will be following the legality of the RFP.

Fire Chief Burbank reported the generators will be serviced tomorrow.

An announcement was made that Route 16 at Twin Bridge, will be closed for a weekend to place a temporary bridge. Once the new bridge is completed, it will be closed for another weekend to remove the temporary bridge.

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION:**

The Board discussed the Stevens Road Bridge and Granite Road Bridge projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards

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Leonard Espie