

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

February 23, 2016

Selectmen present: Lawrence Edwards
Henry Spencer

Absent: Timothy Eldridge

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 February 16, 2016 and manifest in the amount of \$25,772.28.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Betty Brown asked Selectman Edwards for a clarification on the sketches he had drawn up for the Steven's Road Bridge. He explained that they were sketches that could possibly be submitted to the State of New Hampshire. Betty asked Selectman Eldridge if he is related and how he is related to the Jerome R. Smith who started the warranty article that was circulated

Resident Dick Buzzell stated that there are (3) three large potholes on the older paved section on Elm Street in need of repair.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The Board met with Fire Chief Burbank for his monthly meeting. Included in his report was an update on the delivery of the new pumper truck; upon having fire equipment inspected it was determined the thermal imaging unit needs repairing and (2) of the fire extinguishers have dents in them.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer asked if the frost heave and weight limits signs are in. He was told the Road Contractor has the signs and will be called to put them up. Selectman Spencer mentioned two road concerns have been taken care of. Selectman Spencer brought up again how the **entire** Board of Selectmen is responsible for going over on the road budget. Selectman Spencer asked how many microphones the town owns. He was informed that there (3) three desk tops; (1) one stand and the speaker system. Selectman Spencer felt at least one more was needed for town meeting. An additional microphone will be looked into for cost, further discussion on finalizing who will be responsible for setting the system up at the school.

Selectman Edwards and Selectman Spencer discussed the S.W. Cole quote for engineering oversight on the Stevens Road Bridge. The Select Board still does not have a solid number for the entire bridge project.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Town Administrator will contact Amidon Electric to remove and replace the electrical box in the bathroom at the transfer station.

Dry Hydrant; a letter from the Town is ready to present to the Steven's Road property owner and Selectman Spencer wants to know if the property owner has questions, he doesn't have all the answers. Selectman Edwards will be in contact with Cindy at Stoney Ridge Environmental on where the dry hydrant would be placed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with the Insurance Company regarding the Fire Truck has been postponed until next week; no day or time has been set.

Road Postings: Discussion took place between both Selectmen about road limits when the temperature is below and above freezing. Any waivers will be given by the Selectmen not the Selectmen's office. Essentials (food, heating oil, propane) are exempt.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Bill Piekut reminded the Board of Selectmen an easement is needed for dry hydrants. He also, stated that paved roads do not entirely freeze and that damaged road needs attention within 72 hours.

Resident Tim Murphy stated individuals that have to drive over the roads and they are in question as to the temperatures, just need to use commonsense. He would like to see that the Green Mountain Treatment Center prepare better when it comes to their deliveries, when the roads are posted.

Resident David Strauss asked the Board of Selectmen where the money for the bridges will come from; taxation or undesignated funds. Selectman Spencer responded with no hard numbers to replace the Stevens Road Bridge, it is hard to say at this time.

Resident Eric Potter stated there is bad in all forms of Government; Federal, State, County and Local.

Resident Betty Brown asked for clarification from Selectman Edwards on his involvement on going over the road budget.

NON PUBLIC: None**Announcement:**

Katie McCarthy withdrew for Library Trustee; her name will still on the ballot

Tim Eldridge withdrew for Selectmen; his name will still be on the ballot

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 11:00 to 11:30 to additions, corrections and registration of voters

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Timothy Eldridge

Date

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards