

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

July 18, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook  
Correction to July 11, 2017 from Tutt to Tuttle on page 2 under new business.

The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

The Mail, Manifest, Signature and Action Folder were reviewed  
Selectman Spencer discussed Selectman Meisner's discrepancy in bookkeeping on Granite Road grading conflict of last week's meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Approval postponed due to absence of Selectman Spencer last week and Selectman Meisner away this week.**

Manifest was approved in the amount of \$439,876.20

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dick Thompson Fire Warden presented The Board with a proposal to nominate a new deputy warden. He also brought up the grant for a new forestry truck and space in the garage.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Zoning Enforcement and Fire Department**

Rebecca Boyden, Zoning Enforcement Officer reported to the Board in non public session after the public meeting.

Randy Burbank, Fire Dept Chief, agreed the use of truck to flush out culverts would be good training for dept. Selectman Espie added we are still waiting for a list of culverts that need flushing from Dig N Doze.

Selectman Spencer asked about estimate on damaged truck and if pressure in truck is enough to blow out culverts. The process was discussed. He also asked about cost of new vehicle maintenance to residents. Chief Burbank responded that the building will need to be heated at 55 degrees to protect equipment from freezing at a cost of about 1600.00 per year.

Chief Burbank is waiting on a report from ISO. Testing of equipment is done, gear will be tested soon and fire trucks will be due in September. Also Waiting on estimate for cement work on apron. Selectman Spencer will follow up. Back of building needs work on floor and apron could be done at same time.

Randy Burbank was called away on a call at this time and left meeting.

**PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS/WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS**

Selectman Espie stated the keypad at the library is being moved and Randy will need to be notified about knoxbox. Amadon Electric will be checking light at library.

A letter was received from Town Council on how to proceed with beaver dams on private property.

Ekman Engineering will be contacted again as there is concern with lack of communication although Ekman states there is no change in time line.

Selectman Espie stated Steven's Road is still out for bids. He also mentioned that the Dave Strauss tree removal situation from past meetings and Bob Battles from Dig N Doze reported he never got message from phone line.

Mr. Cahalane inquired on RFP for ads on Snow Road. Selectman Spencer will talk to Ekman.

White Goods will be discussed at next work session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Mellisa Seaman asked for clarification on several issues and Selectman Spencer responded. She also asked for procurement policy to be posted on town web site. She also asked if town would consider appointing a Road Agent as opposed to the selectmen,, discussion followed. LRPC culvert assessment study was brought up, Selectman Spencer stated the culverts are being maintained and cost efficient to town. Mike Cahalane added funds are available for capital improvements through planning board. UNH study available. He also added having a certified person on planning board to be on site could save money.

Mellisa thanked The Board for installation of first alert alarm at library building.

**ADJOURNMENT: motion to adjourn and go into non-public at 6:33pm, all in favor.**

**NON-PUBLIC (RSA 91-A:3, II(a,c))**Selectman Spencer made motion to go into non public, Selectman Espie seconded. Roll call: Henry Spencer-I and Leonard Espie-I.Selectman Spencer call non-public at 6:40 after discussion with ZEO, a motion was made by Henry Spencer, seconded by Leonard Espie, without further discussion , the motion passed. The non-public session adjourned at 7:03 pm.

**Board reconvened into regular meeting at 7:05.** ZEO report was reviewed.

**Adjourned at 7:15pm**

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**Leonard Espie**

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**John Meisner**