

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

March 8, 2016

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edward

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

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 March 1st meeting and the weekly manifest in the amount of \$18,383.21

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Brandi Felix of Henry Drive submitted a facility use application to the board. She would like to host a monthly painting class on Friday evenings at the Municipal Office Building and hopes to promote camaraderie amongst the town's residents. Proceeds will be donated to the Firefighters Scholarship Fund and to the purchase of supplies. Date and time to be announced.

PLANNED DISCUSSION: None

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectmen Spencer announced Lakes Region Planning Commission is in need of a representative from Effingham and if anyone is interested please let the Board know. Also, with the retirement of two Historic District Commission Members there are vacancies to be filled. The Board of Selectmen accepted letters from the Historic District Chairman, Paul Potter recommending Sandy Finn for appointment to the commission and Erik Jones for reappointment to the commission after town meeting.

Selectman Spencer announced the Planning Board will meet with Selectmen on March 15th no time was announced. Also, don't forget to vote at the Elementary School Tuesday March 8th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and the deliberative session on Saturday the 12th starting at 9:00 am.

Selectman Edwards reported on Stevens Road Bridge and the progress made to date. Bacon Engineering will assist the Board in writing a Request for Proposal (RFP). Selectmen Edwards also received an estimate for the bridge work to be done in the amount of: \$163,850 which includes permitting, installation costs, precast bridge, abutment cost and engineering oversight.

Selectmen Edwards also spoke with the Department of Environmental Services regarding the Granite Road and was told once an application is submitted a representative will come out and look at the bridge.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mellisa Seamans of Moody Road asked about the H.E. Bergeron plan for the Town Hall parking lot and drainage. Selectmen Spencer noted the figures for the cost are not yet available. Ms. Seamans asked if there were any plans for use of the Government Buildings Trust Fund in the upcoming year. Selectmen Spencer noted there are several town buildings which will need varying degrees of work in upcoming years and he would not advise using money from that fund for the parking lot at the Town Hall. The plan is to seek grant funding for the work.

Linda Edwards of Province Lake Road inquired on the grant writing process and time frame for application submittal. Selectmen Spencer will make a phone call to inquire on the timeframe. Further discussion on the grant writing process ensued.

Resident Ralph Thompson was thankful to find the H.E. Bergeron plan for all the town bridges which included applying for Department of Transportation Funding on the town website. Mr. Thompson asked if the permit application has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Services. Selectman Edwards responded it has been submitted and takes 90 days for approval. Mr. Thompson expressed his concern that requests for proposals (RFP's) did not go out prior to town meeting for proper budgeting. He also noted H.E. Bergeron quoted \$260,000 for rebuilding the Steven's Road Bridge and cautioned the Board not to cut their figure to close. He also expressed to the Board the process has taken far too long and it should not take this long over the course of the next year to plan for the Granite Road Bridge prior to the budget process and town meeting. A solid figure should be presented to the people at town meeting.

NON-PUBLIC: None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Timothy Eldridge

Date:_____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards