

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

January 15, 2019

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Leonard Espie
Michael Cahalane

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

The Regular meeting was called to order at 4:05PM

The Mail, Manifest, Signature Folder and items in Action Folder were reviewed and read to public.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, 2019, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor. Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the work session minutes of January 7th, Mr. Cahalane seconded.

Mr. Meisner made a motion to accept the manifest of January 12-19 for the amount of \$48,831.97, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Work Session planned for Tuesday January 22nd at 4:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board decided to go to an agenda-based meeting to have more productivity during meetings. Forms will be available to submit questions or concerns, which will be addressed at next meeting to allow The Board time for discussion and research of item. E mails and written requests may be submitted to office. The form is available online and at the office. Mr. Cahalane made a motion to accept the implementation of the new forms beginning January 17th, Mr. Meisner seconded.

SEALED BIDS RECEIVED: Elm St Bridge over Pine River and Snow Rd Over South River. A WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD

G.W. Brooks & Son, Inc.

Total package = \$590,195.00 Elm and Snow Rd Portion \$453,796.00 Added alternative \$136,399.00

Michael Hansen Construction, LTD

Total package = \$424,559.00 Elm St portion \$120,049.00 Snow Road portion \$227,500.00
Added alternative \$76,910.00

Chris Fournier, Engineer in charge of project, from HEB will be reviewing the bids. A work session is planned January 22, 4:00pm to discuss results.

Selectmen announced notices of violation are going out to residents this week who are putting snow in the roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ZEO Rebecca Boyden sought the Boards advice on a road that has been cut for timber and if a drive way permit is needed. A gate has also been erected at the entrance. Selectmen replied that it was a temporary access for a State timber cut. Rip rap is being used to deter road damage and the gate is to prevent trespassing.

Mr. Espie:

Mr. Espie stated his concerns about people not having time to comply with an agenda-based meeting. Where some people just drop in to meetings with concerns. Mr. Cahalane replied we have to have more structured meetings and some subjects should not be discussed in public. All agreed that the new system should be tried.

He said the town needs to get started on the Old Pound Road house that was deeded.

He reported the plow hit the end of guardrail on Stevens Road and will need to be repaired.

The Champion Hill Road problem has been repaired and the upper portion will be repaired in the Spring.

Mr. Meisner:

Mr. Meisner explained the reason for violation notices. He made a motion to adopt new policy on violations. Mr. Cahalane seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Cahalane:

Mr. Cahalane brought to our attention the candidate sign up dates were listed wrong in the paper. The dates are January 23-February 5th (3-5) pm.

The Public Hearing date for zoning amendments is January 17th at 6:30.

He went over the finalized budget items.

There was a discussion on Huntress Bridge Road weight limits. More discussion needed at upcoming work session.

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Public Comment:

Linda Edwards asked if the proposed meeting with Camp Marist could be public. Mr. Meisner responded he will have to speak with Camp Marist before any plans are made.

She asked about a steep slope ordinance. Mr. Cahalane answered the steep slope ordinance does not apply logging operations. Mr. Meisner added that discussion would be for the planning board.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Espie, Mr. Cahalane seconded, all in favor.

Adjourned 6:04

Michael Cahalane

Date

Leonard Espie

John Meisner