

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

January 4, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards
Leonard Espie

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick
The regular 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 regular meeting from December 20, 2016, work session minutes from December 27, 2016 and manifest from Dec 30, 2016, \$8924.25 and manifest from January 6, 2017, \$166,080.62 includes the school payment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jory Augenti spoke on behalf of Selectman Edwards and explained how Selectman Edwards had presented exactly what this engineering firm said about the bridges and how the town can do them much cheaper than a previous engineering firm.

Ralph Thompson expressed to the board his compliment of them showing transparency and liability, the board is acting better and compliments to the board for this.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Timothy Butts was unable to attend.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

The board discussed their site walk and meeting with Eckman Engineering on December 27, 2016. The Selectmen's office received references from Eckman Engineering just before the meeting. Discussion was the first thing that needs to take place is testing boring at both sites. The Selectmen's office is waiting on a date and cost for these tests. Both Selectman Edwards and Espie would like to see Granite Road Bridge be done first and Snow Road within the next three years. Because of the impact Selectman Spencer feels Snow Road should be done first and Granite Road is already closed.

Proposed grading schedule: The board members had the opportunity to review the schedule, Selectman Espie made a suggestion the Cemetery Road is moved to before Memorial Day. The board agreed changes could take place based on the weather.

Sand for the public: Selectman Spencer drew up a guideline for the Transfer Station Attendants to go by for town sand. The document was emailed to the other two Selectmen for their review. The guideline states a resident can get (5) 5. gal. buckets of sand at a time.

Molly Philbrick Culvert: Selectman Edwards has not heard back from Corliss Adams from NH DES. He will follow through with another telephone call.

Small Library: Waiting for ground to freeze to place library box on post, Selectman Spencer.

Grants writing: Selectman Spencer would like to place \$1500.00 in a grant writing budget line. This would be used for (evaluation only).

Structure on Steven's Road-Letter was sent to the property owner by certified and regular mail.

Watershed Alliance: Selectman Edwards stated the Town has not received the cost for Dig N Doze's part of the project. The Board has not received a written document signed by Ned Campion property owner on Bonnyman Road. This is the property the water will be directed onto.

Boston Post Cane: Selectman Espie reported the Boston Cane has been returned from the engraver completed. He and Selectman Edwards will have a conversation with resident Erik Jones who worked on the initial document. Only one nomination has been given to the Selectmen's office.

Library: The Town has not heard from Stu Shannon from Knight Security on his revised estimate for the fire alarm system. A call will be made with Knight Security to see where it is at.

Rescheduling Selectmen's Meetings: Selectman Edwards brought up the call from the Selectmen's office about rescheduling yesterday's meeting. Selectman Spencer explained he understood that telephone calls between Selectmen is prohibited. John from Government Oversight explained to the Selectmen the board can conduct lawful business on the telephone between Selectmen. The board must keep minutes on what was discussed.

BUDGET ITEMS: Discussion took place amongst the board over paving Green Mtn. Road from Highwatch to West Range. Selectman Espie stated the monies proposed for paving should be put in bridges instead of paving next year. Selectman Edwards reminded the board the culvert on Pine River Road needs to be replaced and crack sealing also needs to be done

Discussion about having one single bridge fund instead of two separate ones took place. Jory Augenti suggested any funds left over from the Steven's Road Bridge are to be put into the bridge fund. This is a question for DRA since the original article was stated Steven's Road Bridge.

A warrant article will need to be written up for the Elm Street maintenance \$35,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was sent to the board about the large pot hole on Elm Street. This was filled previously with gravel, did not hold. Dig N Doze will be contacted to pick up cold patch and repair. Also, a pothole on Champion Hill needs cold patch.

Selectman Edwards asked the board about what is a good time to have Brad Harriman from the Ossipee Highway Dept. come to speak to them. It was agreed to have him come when the Budget Committee meets. He also spoke about advertising for the Assessing Clerk's position; he feels this should be done. He also stated he thinks the Selectmen's office can survive with only two employees.

Light at Fire Station: There is a light at the back of the station burning 24-7; Chief Burbank will be contacted.

Public Hearing for the Budget Committee will be held on Thursday February 9, 2017 @ 7:00. The Budget Committee will meet at 6:30 to review warranty articles.

Civic Awards presentation will take place on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Effingham Elementary School at 6:00pm. Awards will be presented to the Employee, Volunteer, Elected Official and Special Citizen of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erik Jones asked for an update on the documents from the Town's Attorney on the Lord's Tavern (HDC) situation; He was informed they were forwarded to the HDC Chair, He would like a copy since he is (HDC) secretary.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3 II(d)) None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Adjourned @ 6:50pm

Henry Spencer

Date

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

