

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

August 15, 2017

Selectmen present: John Meisner  
Leonard Espie  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

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

The Mail, Manifest, Signature and Action Folder were reviewed: Selectman Spencer read the list of items from each folder to the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Board approved the regular minutes of August 8, 2017 and the work session minutes of August 8. The Manifest was approved in the amount of \$333,040.96. Selectman Spencer motioned to accept and Selectman Meisner seconded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Jory Augenti commented on the recent mowing job in the Clough City area of town. Small trees and brush need to be cleared. Selectman Meisner will contact mower to rectify situation. He also would like to see an administrative appeal of a zoning decision. Selectman Meisner declared we do not talk about employees at public meetings. Under the advice of town attorney things will move along.

Lawrence Edwards notified the Board that a copy of his bond from Western Security has been received and will forward when hard copy is received. He also told them, the bond in the hands of the Board was not the correct one and instructed them to destroy it. Selectman Meisner tore it up at his instruction. The Selectmen reminded him that the contract can not be accepted until corrections are made. Selectman Meisner read the stipulations to Mr. Edwards and gave him a copy.

Kurt Madden from Green Mountain Treatment Center asked how they were doing. Selectman Spencer responded that there has been no increase in emergency calls. Speed issues are always of concern. Mr. Madden commented they are always working on that. He then asked about liability of residents living in the cabins, Selectman Spencer referred him to the planning board.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Zoning Enforcement and Fire Department**

Chief Randy Burbank inquired on update for concrete apron at fire station. Selectman Meisner responded for him to get dimensions and forward to contractor to get a quote.

\$4000.00 will be needed for The Emergency Operation Plan 2018.

No word on current grant that could be used for a new radio.

Set up schedule for blowing out culverts.

## **ROADS AND BRIDGES:**

Awaiting engineer's estimate on Elm Street.

Selectman Espie asked about weight limits on Huntress Bridge Road, concerned with semi trucks going over. Sign is missing. Selectman Spencer will follow up, also check on height signs.

Selectman Meisner reported NHDES Wetlands Application for Snow Road has been received, awaiting technical.

## **SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Public Hearing for Transfer Station Sticker Fees And White Goods (Informational Only) to be held 8/22/17 at 5pm. Work session to follow.**

**Public Hearing to Accept Unanticipated Funds from "SB38" scheduled for 8/29/17 at 6:30pm.**

Granite slabs will be sold for \$1.00 each to non profit organizations, Preservation Society and Historical Society for Normal School.

Selectman Spencer stated there was a bonding conflict with name on contract for Edwards Excavating.

Chief Butts respectively submitted to the Board of an intent to hire a new part time officer.

Wood is not being picked up on roadsides by the "wood pirates" therefore will need to be picked up before plowing.

The large pine tree at Huntress Bridge Road has been taken down and taken away by tree cutter.

An estimate for Molly Philbrick culvert replacement is \$4100.00 and \$21,000.00 for Pine River Road. The Road will have to be closed.

Selectman Espie obtained estimate for snow blower from John Deere at municipal rates.

Selectman Meisner asked Cheryle for clarification on Dig N Doze bill. Cheryle will investigate.

Selectman Meisner has requested weekly report on projected projects from Dig N Doze, need for better communication.

Selectman Espie stated 4 beavers were caught on Wilkenson's Swamp Road. Suggested grids be put on culverts.

## **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

Selectman Meisner brought up the windows at library and suggested addressing the drainage issue first. Perhaps a gravel parking lot saving paving costs in future. Selectman Spencer considered plowing problems, discussion followed.

### **SALT SHED**

Sprayer bought for salt shed, awaiting Dig N Doze to move pile to center of building.

### **PROPOSED WORK SESSION 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY:**

**Primary Road Project 2018**

**Sale of old forestry truck**

**Discuss merit raises and COL**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Regal stated Drake Road needs work. Selectman Mesiner responded that patching was done on 7/12/17 and Jones Road work was done on 7/12 and 7/27. Will follow up with Dig N Doze.

Eric Jones suggested to selectmen the costs of running transfer station information may be helpful at the Public information session. Selectman Spencer acknowledged his concern.

NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II(c))-Selectman Meisner made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Spencer seconded. Roll-call: Henry Spencer-I John Meisner -I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Spencer called non-public @ 6:40. The Board immediately voted unanimously to come out of non-public session at 7:30. Selectman Spencer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Espie. Public session reconvened at 7:33 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:37 all in favor**

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**John Meisner**

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**Leonard Espie**

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