

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

January 17, 2017

Selectmen present: Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

Absent: Henry Spencer

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 work session for January 10, 2017 and the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2017 were approved with corrections: **Cold Patch:** Selectmen Edwards purchased 10 bags, used 4 bags and the remaining are bags are being stored at his residence. **Cemeteries:**\*The law states if a cemetery hasn't been maintained for a period of 20 years, the municipality may declare it abandoned. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$23,222.71.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Tom Hart stood up and asked the board member if they believe that warrant articles are binding; Selectman Edwards's responded yes, if that what the people vote for at town meeting and Selectman Espie's responded yes, depends on who you speak to.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Fire Chief Randy Burbank was present for his monthly report. Included in his report was the new owners at the Ryefield Apartments replaced the decking at the apartments completed 4 days after the complaint was received. The Chief was asked about the light at the rear of the station being on continuously; the chief responded it is a new led light that appears to be very sensitive. The member who replaced it reported to the Chief it is reflecting against the white building and setting it off; they will do some redirecting and see how it works out. Selectman Edwards stated he drove by the other night and an inside light was on and no cars in the parking lot. Firefighter Dan Felix told the board he was inside working and his vehicle was parked out back. The Chief reported the recently new hire is working out well. The Chief was asked if he was aware the forestry truck at the transfer station had been broken into; the Chief's responded yes, he was made aware of it.

Zoning Enforcement Officer reported she located a flat file at a very reasonable price from a non-profit organization. She announced she was looking for someone who has a large vehicle or truck to go with her to Wells, ME to pick it up. Tom Thompson volunteered to pick the file up with her. She reported things have been slow in her department.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Procurement Policy:** follow through with Town Administrator

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

**Structure on Steven's Road-**Letter was sent to the property owner by certified and regular mail. Haven't heard back, next step may need to publish notice in newspaper and placing signs on property.

**Watershed Alliance:** This work is on hold until the spring of 2017. Selectman Edwards spoke about running water onto Ned Campion's property.

**Library Shed:** Selectman Espie will make those repairs.

**Boston Post Cane:** It was reported there have been many notices placed throughout Effingham and in Selectman's Spencer article. Selectman asked that an article run for one day in The Conway Daily Sun. To date only one nomination has been received by the Selectmen's office.

**Library Alarm:** An updated proposal has been received by Selectman Epsie from Knight Security for Phase 1 of the plan for \$5,874.00. It was suggested the board look into the original Town Hall/Library restoration report to see if it included a heat and smoke system.

#### **BUDGET ITEMS:**

Proposing \$160,000.00 be placed into a **Snow Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**. Selectmen spoke to the public about three options Eckman Engineering proposed for Snow Road Bridge. Option 1 is to replace the decking over the existing culverts, which do not require permitting; option 2 would be shallow footings, abutments, wingwalls and a deck, which requires permitting and option 3 poured in-place bridge, wingwalls, abutments, footings and pylons, which require permitting. Selectman Espie stated option 2 would be the choice the board would like to proceed with. Core borings will be done on January 23 and when the results are reported a more final decision can be made.

The board will present a **warrant article for a bridge maintenance fund**. It was suggested that Eckman Engineering be asked if they have any individuals they have worked with do bridge maintenance. Discussion took place about no **reconstruction and paving** will take place in 2017.

**Culverts:** a total of two culverts are proposed for 2017; one on Pine River Road and one on Molly Philbrick Road; Diversion (ditch work with be done on Bonneyman Road with Action-Wakefield Watershed Alliance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Summer Road Contract: needs to be reviewed**

**Items in mail folder included:** letter from M. E. Bean Associates, a firm that spoke to Selectman Edwards during the summer on bridges.

A letter from resident Mellisa Seamans expressing her concerns and ideas on the start of the meeting should be handled. She expressed when the meeting is being videotaped the public have no idea what the Selectmen are looking at in the folders; the conversation between the Selectmen and staff; Mellisa referenced how the Town of Ossipee's Board of Selectmen do. Selectman Edwards expressed he thinks it is a good idea and Selectman Espie thinks it could be done with a little tweaking. More discussion can take place when they have a complete board.

Use of meeting room request: Green Mountain Municipal Labor Group/ Association requested the use of the meeting room for Monday January 23, 2017 at 6:00 to 7:00pm. Any and all concerns were addressed prior to Selectman Edwards signed the form.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident David Strauss asked about options available for the Snow Road Bridge, The three options were explained.

Tom Hart asked if Eckman Engineering gave the board an idea of the longevity of the new structure.

Mike Cahalane asked the board to take into consideration option 3.

Erik Jones asked if Eckman Engineering gave a time frame for this work; the response was the work would be done in the late summer. Discussion on the alternative route waste management and residents would take during construction to get to the transfer station.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 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. Selectman Edwards asked again if this is open to the public, it was stated it is not. The nominations are made by the individual peers, which involved employees and board members.

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

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None**

**Adjourned @ 6:40pm**

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Henry Spencer

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Date

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Lawrence Edwards

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Leonard Espie