

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

May 27, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Burbank reported that Effingham firefighter and deputy fire warden, Bill Dietzel has passed away. The Fire Department will be participating in the funeral proceedings. The ambulance service is working out well. Response times are good. Randy has received the AED units and dropped them off at the proposed locations which are the Municipal Office Building and the Library.

Brian Johns of LifeStar EMS reported he is getting new equipment for his EMS transport units. He also has done training of EFD members.

Edith Sharp reported that the Preservation Society will be putting on their annual plant sale next weekend.

Chris Seamans reported that the disposal doors on the compactors at the transfer station are too far off the ground for some to reach. He also asked if any further thought has been given to allowing transfer station employees to accept cash and/or checks for disposal of tires and electronic equipment.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire/rescue department calls.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

All were reminded of the meeting the Planning Board has planned for the purpose of recruitment. That meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Spencer reported that the exterior of the attendant's shed at the transfer station is ready for stain. The facility still needs paving. Currently no contractor has been approached for an estimate of the cost of paving the necessary areas. Selectman Spencer will be purchasing eye wash stations for the transfer station. One will be a portable unit, the other a stationary unit attached to the plumbing of the sink in the attendant's shed.

Effingham continues to participate in the discussion of regional ambulance service with surrounding towns.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The plumber retained by Selectman Edwards has not kept his appointments to complete the connection of water pipes to make the kitchen sink of the Municipal Building operable.

The Board will request that Fire Warden Thompson arrange to meet to discuss policies and procedures of the Warden's position and his deputies.

The road contractor will be notified that Pine River Road needs cold patch.

Selectman Eldridge has completed the specifications for the demolition of the present salt shed and the building of another one.

Selectman Edwards and Eldridge went to survey Granite Road after the meeting last week to determine what parts of the road would be most improved by repairs this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board opened the two proposals received for the paving of Town House Road. Pike Industries submitted a proposal in the amount of \$193,080 and F.R. Carroll submitted a proposal in the amount of \$177,062. The Board voted unanimously to accept the company of F.R. Carroll, Inc. to complete the 2014 paving project.

The Town's attorney is reviewing information provided by Marist Brothers of New Hampshire. It must be determined that the Marist Brothers are currently eligible to be considered a charitable organization. There is currently a negotiated long standing agreement in place which exempts Marist Brothers from property taxation in return for a small payment in lieu of taxes. The agreement expires at the end of 2014 and this is why the determination of the status of the organization is being analyzed now.

With the promotion ceremony for the Effingham Elementary School sixth graders coming up on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, Selectman Spencer volunteered to represent the Board at the ceremony by giving a short speech and presenting certificates of congratulations and a dictionary to each sixth grade student.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed the specifications which will be presented prospective bidders for the upcoming salt shed project. They also started discussion on performance standards to be incorporated in the road maintenance contract.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman