

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2015

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge (absent)
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.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Thompson presented the Board with a newspaper article about a tool to assess the condition of roadways.

Maureen Spencer reported that there is a Senate bill coming up in the State Legislature which will disallow heating fuel providers to suspend deliveries in cold weather, much like the electrical utilities are restricted from shutting off power. She also noted that there was a nice article in an area paper supporting the need for the Bartlett Police Department. Bartlett has all the same crime which is being encountered in Effingham.

A Town resident asked if clear cuts were allowed and if so, can the cut be brought all the way to a property line.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire and rescue report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Edwards inquired what surrounding town or towns may have a vehicle like the one being requested on the warrant this year. He would like to see one similar to the one that would be purchased.

Selectman Edwards addressed last week's issue of the former Fire Warden requesting reappointment yet refusing to include more fire department members as deputies. Selectman Edwards pointed out that two deputies on the list to be reappointed are on the fire department, while Chief Burbank responded that he would like firefighter O'Dell and firefighter Piekut appointed so they can issue permits when they serve on secretarial duty on Saturdays and are open to the public.

The company providing snow shoveling service is going to keep an eye on the snow level on the roof of the modular and will shovel it when prudent.

It was discussed that cold patch should be stockpiled so small amounts are not picked up and charged a fee.

The heating contractor has not contacted Selectman Spencer as he was requested to do.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of February 17th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion about the Stevens Road bridge. At the meeting last week, it was decided that the bridge project would be removed from the warrant this year to provide more time for planning. Selectman Edwards feels if an engineer stamps a cement culvert with the appropriate weight limit, this should supersede the need of engineering design and oversight.

Selectman Spencer plans to install the mirror which is meant to improve visibility leaving the Library parking lot, tomorrow.

Selectmen have reviewed the numbers used for calculations pertaining to the cost of ambulance service with CarePlus. The numbers do not add up.

NEW BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the road contractor is prohibiting travel on to a class VI road by leaving a banking of snow at the end of the class V section of the road.

Police Chief Butts will be requested to speak to the owners of Sign One to address piling snow in the public right of way and obstructing travel.

Selectmen reviewed letters presented by the Board's assessing clerk, Gwen English. The letters will be used during the 2015 review process.

The police department now has personal camera devices. A policy is being put in place regarding their use.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman