

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

March 24, 2015

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maureen Spencer requested the Selectmen approve the appointment of a volunteer to act as a Library Trustee to fill a vacancy on that Board. She also announced a “Just Desserts” event at Mountain View Nursing Home on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Bill Piekut reported that the STOP sign at the end of Elm Street is missing. He also inquired about the policy regarding use of Town facilities for group meetings.

An Effingham resident requested special consideration for road improvement to the gravel road his family lives on, due to the illness of a family member and the possible necessity for ambulance response. The road contractor will be asked to improve the condition of the road, despite the time of year which would otherwise not be conducive to regular gravel road maintenance.

A resident asked when zoning ordinance changes are effective. It is when the proposed changes are posted, providing the change is approved by Town Meeting voters.

Jim Morris voiced concern over cracking of the pavement on Town House Road. This road has been recently paved.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire and rescue call report.

#### **SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

Selectman Spencer has spoken to the heating contractor, Gary Gagnon. Gary reported that there are no problems with the pellet boiler although there were some maintenance issues during the winter. Gary is questioning if the computer software connection is operating to full capacity.

Selectman Edwards reported the drainage on Champion Hill is clogged. He also noted that the mirror recently installed by Selectman Spencer needs to be adjusted.

Selectman Spencer will be attending a workshop hosted by the Preservation Alliance.

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There will be a Selectmen's work session immediately following the formal meeting.

The ambulance "compact" towns will be meeting in the near future to execute the contract with CarePlus for regional ambulance service.

A local logger came in to question if Selectmen are issuing waivers to logging trucks and, if so, they should be issued to all. He is particularly concerned about trucks seen traveling on Town House Road. The Board is not considering issuing waivers for any timber cuts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Anita Spencer as a Library Trustee.

The Board announced thanks to the Green Mountain Conservation Group for the water body invertebrates presentation given at Town Meeting.

Next week Board members will decide what assignment each will accept to serve as Selectmen's representative on Town Boards. Selectman Spencer is currently the representative on the Planning Board and serves as Health Officer. He reviewed those responsibilities.

Selectman Eldridge has made revisions to the personnel policy and Selectmen's rules of order. Some further revisions were discussed at the meeting and will be incorporated, before approval.

Selectman Eldridge will be coordinating "Board visits" to town facilities, so they can become acquainted with those facilities and employees that Board members do not frequently see.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Fire Chief Burbank reported that he is soliciting estimates for airbags the Fire Department plans on purchasing. He is also finalizing specifications for the all purpose mini-pumper that was approved for purchase at Town Meeting.

Ron Evans of Evans Brothers LLC, the Effingham road contractor came in to discuss road issues with the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Edwards' questions brought up at former meetings were discussed. Ron was asked about storing sand which he uses for personal use on Town property. Ron reported a review of invoices submitted to the Town would evidence that the Town was not

charged for this sand. Also, Selectman Edwards' sighting of excessive salt applied to the roads was explained. Due to a death in the family, which caused the Evans family to be out of State, a person trained in sanding did the salt distribution. Other more general discussion about road issues took place.

At the conclusion of a work session, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Chairman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman