

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2015

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edward

Absent: Timothy Eldridge

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The 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 September 22, 2015 after amending **that paving will begin next week on Champion Hill Road** and weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bill Piekut made a statement as to the expense from Lakes Region Paving for paving on Pine River Road being \$13,200.00, 2.54 per sq. for patch jobs. His estimate for 1 mile of a 22 foot wide road would cost \$300,000.00. He asked the Board of Selectmen for future planning to compare monies being spent on larger road paving projects vs smaller road paving projects.

Resident John Meisner asked if the monies spent currently on the Pine River Road included the charge of the \$10,082.00 that Dig N Doze did for prep work. Selectman Spencer replied it was not included in the \$13,200.00. John Meisner said that at the town meeting it was voted that \$200,000.00 be for road paving and asked specifically what roads were to be paved. Selectman Spencer stated that extensive thought went into paving Green Mountain Road but instead there were several small jobs that needed attention.

Resident Jory Augenti brought forward a petition that was started by Doreen Juliano and Michael Whitmore for repairs or reconstruction of the Granite Road Bridge. All that signed the petition have concerns with winter safety, emergency vehicles, police, fire and ambulance.

Resident Chris Seamans asked for a clarification on the cost for work on the Granite Road Bridge. Selectman Spencer stated that they are only in the designing phase of the bridge and cost has not even been determined. Christ Seamans asked where is the Steven's Road Bridge (culvert) is at. Selectman Edwards stated that Stoney Ridge Enviromental is continuing with the necessary permitting for DES and that he called to speak to Cindy at Stoney Ridge Enviromental but she was unavailable. He will follow through with another call and give an update at the next meeting. Also, Selectman Edwards stated that he waiting to hear back from the DOT Engineer he has been on contact with and provided two plans for him to review on the Granite Road Bridge. Selectman Edwards stated the Board is waiting for an approval from the Engineer on one of the plans.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department: Chief Butts complimented the Road Contractor on the good job they are doing keeping Pine River Road marked for road work with signs. The Chief just received an email from Eversource that there is a scam going on with people coming to homes and demanding payment for overdue bills. Donna Keeley from Eversource stated that is not the way Eversource does business. He also brought to everyone's attention that there are several black/white cats missing on Town House Road. Chief Butts reminded pet owners to keep an eye out for their pets; there is a lot of wildlife out there. Trick n Treat hours are 4pm to 7p on Saturday, October 31st. He will have the notice of the scam and trick n treat hours posted on the Town's website.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer stated that he received a quote for a parking lot study from H. E. Bergeron Engineering for \$3,200.00. Included in this study is a redesign of traffic flow. Selectman Edwards asked for a clarification on the previous study that was done, was the parking lot included? Selectman Spencer replied, yes. More conversation on this subject will be continued next week. Selectman Spencer congratulated Bill Piekut and Randy Burbank on their recent certification.

Selectman Edwards said that while driving the town roads he noticed that High Watch Road was only crack sealed halfway. The reason being that they ran out of sealing material. The update on Pine River Road, there is one more day to complete the paving and then work will start on Champion Hill Road. He also stated that there was only minor wash out on roads from the recent rain. Vaughn English, Arborist started the tree removal on Granite Road and will continue throughout the week. Selectman Edwards reported that Selectman Eldridge and Selectman Spencer walked Molly Philbrick road with the Road Contractor to discuss the 24 encroachments. It is decided that (3) of them will be taken care of this year and the other 22 will take place next spring. The Road Contractor will assume financial responsibility for his time on 3 of the encroachments. It was asked by Resident Tom Thompson what erosion controls would the contractor recommend. Selectman Spencer stated barriers such as hay bales, riprap, etc. will be used. Tom Thompson has done up reports for each Selectmen regarding Molly Philbrick Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Granite Road Bridge-there is no update from the DOT Engineer. Selectman Edwards has tried calling him, only able to leave messages. A follow up call will take place on Thursday, October 1 if they haven't spoken to each other. Reconstruction on Granite Road has more work to be done and still waiting for the final tree to be removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town owned School Street property: Do we know if there is a well and septic system on site. Claudia, Town Administrator has reached out to a Demolition Co. in Auburn NH and to Ron Evans. The board will give it another week. A more specific proposal needs to be included back filling the hole once the house is taken apart and materials removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Eric Potter asked what does property owner Don Champion of Limerick what steps need to be done to tidy up the Champion Cemetery, he would be a volunteer. He needs to touch base with the Town Administrator for specific answers.

Library Trustee, Maureen Spencer; The Open House at the Library and Mason Hall is on October 17th from 9am to 3pm. With a presentation done on the restoration of the Dr. Saunders portrait @ 12:00 pm. There will be refreshments, a table set up by the Friends and Mr. Eric Potter will be available to answer questions regarding the town's past and have books on display.

Welfare Officer, Maureen Spencer went to Eversource and obtained info on help paying for electric bills, conservation of light bulbs, etc. She obtained pamphlets for public information.

Resident Tom Thompson he recalled 1.5 years ago the Board was going to walk the Wakefield/Effingham line, did that take place? Selectman Edwards reported that it has not taken place. Once, that is complete the Ossipee/Effingham line needs to be walked.

Resident John Meisner asked if the Road Contractor will be cleaning up the piles of material on the side of Pine River Road. Selectman Edwards said that that material is for the soft shoulder work, John Meisner said that is a lot more than for shoulder work.

Resident Michael DiBurro from Town House Road asked if there was going to be sand available for public use this winter. Yes, there will be a designated area at the salt shed. Michael made himself available to the elderly in town to assist with resources.

NON-PUBLIC: None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Adjourned meeting at 6:25pm

Date:_____

Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards