

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

November 25, 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**

Bruce Patch returned to find if the Board had changed their stand about the sum of back taxes, penalties and other costs owed in conjunction with repurchasing his property. He commented he will not leave the property no matter what action the Town takes to get him to leave his property and he cannot pay the repurchase amount. The Board unanimously agreed that the full amount owed must be paid to repurchase. Selectman Spencer noted that the former owner, Mr. Patch and his wife had sought relief through the court system with appeals reaching Supreme Court and all cases were found in favor of the Town.

Resident Ann Johns expressed concern to the Board about cinder blocks placed between her property and the neighbor's property, pending the upcoming snow storm and the potential for the plow truck hitting them. The Board will look at the situation.

Karen Payne asked the Board about road maintenance issues and compliance with best management practices for wetlands protection.

Maureen Spencer reported that the new shelving has been installed at the Library. She encouraged all to visit the Library to see the many improvements there. She also noted the success of the last writer's night event at the Library.

Tom Thompson suggested that the Board submit a report to area newspapers about the successful completion of the new salt shed. He noted that the Town of Wakefield had done this.

Police Chief Butts gave a summary of the meeting held at Lakeview last week.

The next regional ambulance meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions are being submitted from each Town and complied for that meeting.

#### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

Bruce Davis of All States Asphalt will be attending the meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss road maintenance materials.

The Budget Committee will be reviewing the Police budget tonight.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Edwards fixed the septic pipe at the Library.

Affixing a mirror to improve the line of sight at the Library parking lot is still being considered. The pole number which will hold the mirror must be secured to see if PSNH will permit the mirror to be mounted there.

A new 40' container has been purchased and delivered to the transfer station. Tires and electronic equipment will be stored in the container. The new State compliant sign has been put up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Edwards proposed to other members of the Board that when the road contractor is asked to return to modify a previous road condition, the return trip should not be paid. He also inquired about receipt of a bond for the recently awarded winter road contract. That has been promised by the bonding agent, but not yet received.

Selectman Edwards again questioned what rules the Town has in place to monitor activities of the Police Department. He will be given a copy of the Police Chief's job description which may answer some of the questions he has in regard to this.

Selectman Edwards has arranged to perambulate the Town line of Wakefield and Effingham with an official of Wakefield.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman