

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge
Henry Spencer
Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of June 16th and the weekly manifest .

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Potter addressed the board by noting for the past fourteen years he has been a defender of the Board of Selectmen. He reminded the board of the statutory requirement to appoint a representative from the Board of Selectmen to both the Planning Board and Historic District Commission and respectfully requests the appointed board members “check in” with the importance of not being listed as absent in the meeting minutes. Mr. Potter went on to explain the importance of having a quorum of board/commission members present at meetings.

Resident Leanne Leonard inquired regarding building permits for two properties in town. One property is located on Plantation Road and the other on Province Lake Road.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue report.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Randy Burbank met with the board for his monthly meeting. He reported the fire department recently trained with the newly acquired air bags. The department has four new members. One certified fire fighter, one emergency medical technician, one willing to obtain fire fighter one status and a junior member bringing the membership to a total of 19 (nineteen members). The department is also looking into first responder licensing for the State of Maine after receiving a request from the Town of Parsonsfield to assist their local Ambulance Service.

The Board also met with Transfer Station Attendant Mark Bussiere for the monthly transfer station meeting.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Spencer reported the Effingham Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion went well.

He noted the solidarity among this particular group of classmates. He was very impressed by the level of maturity displayed.

Selectman Spencer is still working on the matter of the library parking lot.

Selectman Edwards reported the gravel roads have been graded and calcium chloride laid with the exception of Molly Philbrick Road which still needs grading. He is still working on perambulation of the town line with Wakefield. Removal of the oil tank at 144 School Street is scheduled for Monday June 29th @ 8:30am at which time the need for a soil test will be determined.

Selectman Eldridge will send notices to the land use boards to discuss progress on the flow chart designed to direct applicants through the process of navigating the various boards in town. He also noted he's been approached by several residents in town who would like to see a highway committee formed to research contracting out town road work versus the cost of a town highway crew.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge announced Resident Lenny Espie will be the new Cemetery Custodian for Woodland Cemetery. He welcomed Lenny aboard and thanked him for his willingness to apply for the position. Lenny will work closely with the town administrative assistant on Woodland Cemetery matters. Further discussion ensued regarding the mowing of cemeteries in town.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board received two proposals for crack and chip sealing from All State Paving and F.R. Carroll. The Board will take the proposals under consideration for review in hopes of making a decision at their June 30th meeting.

Claudia spoke briefly with the board about the town audit that is underway.

The Board conducted a site visit at 140 Ryefield Road where a public auction of antique cars will take place on Saturday June 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Timothy Eldridge, Chairman

Date: _____

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman