

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2014

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Seamans asked for an update on the Camp Marist tax status. Our attorney has reported that no information has been received from the Marist Brothers to establish tax status. He also asked for an update on the progress of regional ambulance service. That process continues to move forward as the multi-town compact committee meets regularly. Proposals have been received and reviewed.

Selectman Charles Edwards of Wakefield attended to request a Board member to accompany him in perambulating the town line of Wakefield and Effingham. Selectman Edwards will accompany him.

Fire Chief, Randy Burbank reported that he is researching pricing for a new all purpose fire vehicle. Fire Station 2 needs new toilets. The Fire Department 's annual Christmas Party will be next Wednesday at the Municipal Building.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

The Budget Committee is meeting tonight.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of November 25th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Edwards has not had a chance to look at potential drainage problems on Stevens Road and Elm Street. He will be checking to see that best management practices for wetlands preservation is being adhered to.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen have received a complaint about the timing of plowing at the Library/Town Hall. The Library trustees made note that employees come in before hours of operation. Also, the shed

needs to stay clear of snow for access.

Selectman Edwards asked Randy Burbank why Fire Department members function as secretary to the department. Randy reported that secretarial work is done while members of the Department man station 2 for the four hours on Saturday that the building is open for business. This has worked better than hiring a secretary from outside the department.

Selectman Edwards asked why the Lord's Hill fire station is being heated. It was discussed that firefighting foam is stored there.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Police Chief Butts reported that he and his officers will be receiving training on the use of Narcan, a drug used to prevent death for those that have overdosed on heroin. There have been several deaths in Effingham as a result of heroin overdose.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman