

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Cahalane gave a brief report on the salt shed construction. Construction is expected to be complete within the next couple days.

Mr. Potter reported on the recent Historic District Commission meeting. It seems two different copies of the Historic District Regulations have surfaced leaving commission members uncertain as to which copy is official. The commission will investigate the matter further.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue call report.

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

Selectmen Edwards and Spencer visited Woodland Cemetery and successfully located most of the plot markers. They believe enough markers have been located to make the necessary corrections both at the cemetery and on the map. Selectmen Edwards spoke with a resident who is willing to work as the selectmen's appointee for oversight of the cemetery but first the board must clearly mark the sites. Also, Granite Road needs some fill in areas. The culvert on Wilkinson Swamp Road is plugged again by debris from the beavers and the stone work on the Snow Road culvert/bridge is complete. Also discussed was securing the electronics, refrigerators and air conditioners at the transfer station to prevent theft and vandalism.

Selectmen Spencer reported October 18<sup>th</sup> is Open House at the Effingham Town Hall/Library from 9:00am to 3:00pm and reminded everyone the Effingham PTO will be hosting a yard sale at the Effingham Elementary School on the same day.

Selectmen Eldridge commented on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Carroll County Independent and noted that employee morale is currently at an all time low here in Effingham. He referenced the County Commissioners case pending before Superior Court alleging County Commissioner Asha Kenney has insulted, threatened and ridiculed employees, vendors and contractors citing her behavior as unbecoming of an elected public official, unethical, unprofessional and unrepresentative of the will of the board of county commissioners. Selectmen Eldridge encouraged his fellow board members to be supportive of town employees and the work they are

doing. Mr. Potter added, "Discretion is oft the better part of valor."

Selectmen Eldridge also reported the Parsonsfield Seminary will be hosting its annual Haunted House on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the hours are 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Selectmen Eldridge reminded everyone of the Employee Recognition Pot Luck to be held Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Municipal Office Building. Also, the Board will be holding a public hearing on October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm for updating pole license agreements to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23. Effingham Elementary students will participate in National Walk to School Day on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>. They will arrive at the Municipal Office Building and walk to the school.

Selectmen Spencer reported the Department of Labor conducted a safety inspection of all town facilities. The Board is waiting on the report. One item noted was the location of the Welfare Administrators Office. The location was deemed unacceptable for safety reasons. The boiler room needs to be cleaned out for easy access to the electrical panel and one exit sign was missing at Fire Station 2.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of September 30th and the weekly manifest.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectmen Spencer will be contacting F.R. Carroll with regards to crack sealing. The Transfer Station sign is ready for pick up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectmen discussed further the matter of Woodland Cemetery and the need to clearly mark the location of the plots and possible placement of a fence around the cemetery.

Selectmen received budgets from various departments and boards. They will begin meeting with representatives of those boards/departments to review budgetary needs in preparation for town meeting in March.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Police Chief Timothy Butts met with the board for his regular monthly meeting. He reported the Police Department is currently handling some burglary cases in town and department personnel will be attending training in the near future.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank met with the Board to review the fire department budget.

The Board adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Chairman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman