

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edward

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 8, 2015 and weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Trustee, Maureen Spencer announced the Community Clean UP Day at the Library on Sunday, September 20, 2015 @ 3:00pm. There will be a picnic following the cleanup. Volunteers please bring rakes, loppers, and pickup trucks. There will be an open house at the Library with the Masons on October 17, 2015. Refreshments and a raffle will take place with a tour of the Mason hall. The Conservator who is doing the cleaning of the Dr. Sanders portrait will lecture on the cleaning process and history of Effingham. The Library is raising funds for a gazebo and weather station for the Library. In the process The Friends of the Library have sent up a "Go Fund Me" account.

As Welfare Officer, Maureen Spencer met with the Principal of the Effingham School to touch base at the beginning of the school year on student needs. She reported that there are 2 children in Effingham that are homeless. Maureen Spencer has been working on a tracking system in the department re: different situations in general assisting for keeping electronic records. She has been working with other welfare officers in the state, trying to redefine the system. This system is free for one-year and in the long run this will save the town money.

Resident Eric Potter reported on how delightful Crystal Hoyt is as an individual and employee of the Library, he reiterated how exceptional she is. Mr. Potter has been working on gathering Town reports from the past and has met with Crystal on storing them at the Library.

Resident Tom Thompsons requested a non-public meeting the Board of Selectmen. He was added to the agenda under item #12.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer reported that he will be going to the John Deere store in Ossipee to see about the snow blower for the transfer station. He thought it was best to stay local for many reasons. He reported that the Safety Committee met today and had concerns at the transfer station with young children running around the transfer station while business is being conducted. He asked for consideration to put up a sign per order of the Selectman stating, "Anyone under the age of ten years old must stay in the vehicle". Board of Selectmen all agreed it was a good idea, Town Administrator will order signage. He reported that a Health and Safety inspection took place at Lakeview. Selectman Spencer reported on the meeting with the Historic District and Elaine Chick has been working on mapping of each property within the historic district and will provide this information once it is complete.

Selectman Edwards did his report on town roads. Pine River road is being started tomorrow Wednesday September 16th; there are four sections of concern. Selectman Edwards stated that the DOT Engineer is reviewing the sketch of the Granite Road Bridge will take about one week to be complete and his opinions will be delivered to him. Selectman Eldridge stated that the Engineer's opinions must come directly to the Selectmen's office.

Selectman Edwards commented he was not happy with a notation that was made in the September 1, 2015 minutes that was approved at the September 15, 2015 meeting.

Selectman Eldridge reminded all in attendance the Civic Awards ceremony will be held on October 13 at the Effingham Elementary School at 7:00pm. Property owner on Rumney Hill Road has been sent a letter from the Selectmen's office regarding the removal of the mobile home and junk in the middle of the class 6 road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion took place about the Snow Road and Steven's Road Bridge. Septic design update on town owned property on School Street; Selectman Edwards's design friend told him that it is possible that a septic and well can be placed on the location. Selectman Eldridge requested that a letter stating such will be sent to the Town Effingham. Selectman Edwards reported that he walked Granite Road with (Arborist) Vaughn English to see which trees near the wires need to be removed. There are 4 trees in total and Vaughn English will be out in about 2 weeks to remove them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Process has begun; letters and reports have been sent out to Board Chairmen and need to be returned to the Selectmen's office by October 13. Selectman Eldridge stated that the budget process will be different in that they will not be meeting with all boards before the budget committee does.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Town Clerk, Deanna Amaral reported that there is a tentative date of February 9th for the Presidential Primary.

Resident Lenny Espie asked if the roadside mowing was completed. Selectman Eldridge stated that the roadside mowing was completed with the amount of money that was allocated. Additional money will be asked for in the new budget process for 2016.

NON-PUBLIC:

At 6:09pm the Board voted to go into non-public session for a vendor issue. A resident was concerned over drainage issues on Molly Philbrick Road. The Selectmen agreed to meet at the site on September 21, 2015 at 9:30 am. Also, there was a short discussion pertaining to a personnel issue.

Voted to close non-public at 6:45pm

Adjourned meeting at 6:45pm

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN-none

Timothy Eldridge

Date:_____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards