

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 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

Bill Piekut asked the Board if it was a policy of the present Board to bring up personnel issues in a public meeting. He was upset about his name coming up at the last meeting in reference to his actions during a fire several weeks ago. He noted that personnel issues should be addressed through the department head.

Mike Cahalane relayed to the Board that he felt more respect should be shown those who serve as employees or other board/committee members. He noted that using the last name only of some department heads, or others, without using a first name or the rank of the individual would be an example of what he was commenting on.

Chief Burbank presented the Board a list of his credentials. He noted that he had more practical and learned knowledge of firefighting than any of the chiefs of neighboring departments. He said he was sharing this information since he has learned that some uncomplimentary reports from other area fire departments have been made to the Board about Randy and his department members.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire and rescue calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Edwards has found a used shipping container for the transfer station. Another look at what else may be available will take place before that container is secured.

The work that is being done to make the Library building more heating efficient and handicap accessible is almost done.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 28th and the weekly manifests of the last two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

The salt shed is complete and salt and sand for winter road maintenance have been delivered there.

Selectmen will be looking over the proposals submitted for a regional ambulance service.

Selectman Edwards and Spencer will put down the traffic lines at the transfer station in the near future as was required by a Department of Labor inspection.

Selectman Edwards has drafted a job description for the cemetery custodian position that will soon be filled. Selectman Eldridge will modify the description to conform to other town positions. The person in this position will oversee Woodland Cemetery business.

NEW BUSINESS

The tax rate has been set by the Department of Revenue. The town rate, per thousand dollars of value, was decreased to \$6.71, the county rate is down also to \$1.00 and the combined local and State school rate increased to \$12.57.

Selectman Edwards will be putting together a list of roadwork that needs to be done over the next several years, and prioritize the list.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Ron Evans was in for his monthly update meeting. He was asked about roadwork that he feels should be done next year. He felt the Route 153 end of Huntress Bridge Road should be repaired. There was also discussion about parts of Bonnyman Road, Remick Road, Colcord Hill Road, and Granite/Nutter Road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman