

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 26, 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**

Maureen Spencer, general assistance administrator has arranged with the Effingham Fire Department to use fire station 1 for storage of donated articles that may be used by families in need, that she services. She also announced that the Library has collected a variety of school supplies that will be donated to the Effingham Elementary School.

Eric Potter reminded all that the Center Effingham Church will host a Men's Breakfast on Saturday August 30, 2014 at 8:00am and again extended an invitation to the Board of Selectmen. He noted that this Church is the oldest continuously operating organization in Effingham.

Chris Seamans asked how often cemeteries in Town are mowed each year. He noted that some gravesites throughout town have trust funds established for perpetual care. Chris also discussed some road issues that concerned him and asked for an update on the discussion surrounding moving the veteran's memorial now at Lord's Hill to the Library/Town Hall.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue call report.

#### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Selectman Spencer announced the transfer station septic system is now installed and functioning. Some plumbing fixtures such as an eyewash station will be installed and the portable toilet will be removed once operational functioning is confirmed by actual employee use at that facility. Paving will also be started at that time.

Selectman Edwards has looked over the drainage issue at the Historical Society building that was reported. He noted that the gully has been repaired, and after inspecting the road and surrounding area, he feels that it is a landowner responsibility to maintain, and not the towns.

Selectman Eldridge attended a workshop that Selectmen are required to attend pertaining to elections. He noted that two Selectmen must be in attendance at all elections, at all times.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest. The weekly manifest total will be announced at each meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The arch structure of the new salt shed will be delivered soon. Selectman Edwards was notified that the delivery date will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Crack sealing will start after Labor Day.

All three Selectmen plan to attend the ad hoc multi town committee formed to discuss regional ambulance service. That meeting is planned for Wednesday.

The DOT warning signs at the bridge on Province Lake Road have not been placed further away from the worksite for early warning to drivers of larger trucks, as requested by the Board. The Board feels the relocation is necessary for warning large transport vehicles and emergency vehicles before they encounter the area which is now significantly narrowed to one lane passage.

Selectmen attended a meeting between the Effingham Fire Department, the Effingham Fire Warden and the area State Forester. All in attendance reported that they found it to be a productive meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion about small roadside libraries which may be available to Effingham residents soon. It was noted that this trend is taking place country wide. In this area, the actual structures are being built by Kingswood High School Students.

A representative from the Town's assessing firm will be visiting properties in Town. The automobile being used and the individual will be clearly identified. The town wide revaluation will take place during 2015.

Selectmen reviewed planned and completed road projects.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Fire Chief Randy Burbank gave his monthly departmental update to the Board. Lieutenant Piekut has been promoted to Deputy Chief. The prior firefighter serving in that capacity does not have sufficient available time to devote to the department. There is a new fire department member which has recently been found to have a clear background check. The cement pad has been poured for the new propane tank at station 2. The department members will be looking at

specifications for a multi purpose vehicle which is under consideration for presentation to voters on in warrant article on the 2015 Town Warrant. The vehicle purchase price is available in the fire equipment capital reserve funds. Therefore, the purchase would not increase the 2015 tax rate.

The Board adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman