

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folder were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of July 28th and the bi-weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Potter commended Mark Boussier-transfer station, handled a hot situation that ended well.

Ten Students attended the Center Effingham Baptist Church Vacation Bible School last week.

Mr. Potter wanted to make the Board aware that The Historic District Commission was asked to relocate to the modular out back instead of the community room for their regularly scheduled meeting. Selectman Spencer apologized missing the Historic District Commission meeting and for signing the approval for the other group to meet in the community room at the same time.

Maureen Spencer announced that there was going to be a Magician Performance tomorrow August 12, at the library to end the Summer Reading Program, please contact the library for details. The carpets are due to be cleaned at the library and she would like to contact ServiceMaster to do the cleaning, who does ServiceMaster bill? There is NO money in the library's operating budget for this service and it does fall under building maintenance.

Does the board know how much it cost yearly to maintain this building? Since it is budget time does the board want the library trustees to include this cost in their budget or elsewhere?

Library Clean Up Day! Raking, move wood that is lying down, remove excess sand-grat fall project.... The Trustees are looking for permission to proceed (volunteers needed) and would like to have a picnic afterwards.

Looking for ideas and a plan for the USDA Grant i.e. painting of building, asphalt removal from edge of building, ramps, etc.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board met with Highway Contractor Mr. Battles for his monthly meeting. There were 3 thunderstorms within 24 hours and damage was minimal. During these storms the location of 17 culverts were evaluated as partially or fully blocked. The Fire Dept. will assist in blowing them out. It will take some time to dig out culvert headers to find pipes. Lost calcium on lower Molly Philbrick Road, this was fixed only, not re-graded.

In prioritizing roads- repairing gravels road, reuse gravel do not add new material. All sand has been pulled away from salt shed and ready for sealing. Mr. Battles complimented Selectman Edwards on all his help in driving on roads to locate culverts.

Reports from the last 3 weeks on road work were given to the Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Spencer stated the need to save money on summer road work, for road repairs during and after severe rain storms.

Mr. Battles offered one of Dig N Doze's dump truck for the library cleanup.

SELECTMENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Eldridge noted that budget is over for road contract work. We need to stick to road emergencies and regular grading of roads.

Selectman Eldridge will do sealant work on salt shed. He will obtain sealant product and sprayer from Selectman Edwards tomorrow morning.

Review of how the summer Selectmen's meeting schedule worked. Selectman Spencer stated it worked ok but didn't want to continue after August 28th, Selectman Edwards said it worked well and Selectman Edwards said he like it. Regular weekly meetings will resume August 25th.

Selectman Spencer brought up that the fencing for the transfer station is going to be very expensive. How about if we purchase fencing from Tractor Supply 14' length and install ourselves? The materials needs are fencing, bolts and any other items to complete the job. Selectman Eldridge wants to know what the Town's Insurance Liability Co. may request for safety purposes and liability protection.

Selectman Spencer stated that there isn't a specific plan for the library's maintenance needs regarding the USDA grant. Discussion has taken place about painting exterior of building, replace missing shutters, porches, ramps, drainage and parking lot.

Road concerns: paving Pine River Road and Champion Hill Road. Selectman Eldridge has called and will call paving company to see where we are at on the schedule. Granite Road reconstruction beings on or about Sept 1st, this will included widening the road and additional culverts over to Nutter Road.

A copy of the State waiver for "disposing of ditch material" was presented by Selectman Edwards. Selectman Edwards stated we can just change State of New Hampshire to Town of Effingham, if the board wants to adopt as a "Ditch Material policy". Selectman Spencer read the "Ditch Material Policy" that was recently written. Once each Selectman has an opportunity to review, a decision will be made on the policy.

NO NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reminder: Magic Show is at the Library on Wed. Aug 12 at 2:30pm, GMCC has their "Open House' Saturday, August 15 at Province Lake Golf Course and Center Effingham Baptist Church will have having "Old Fashion Day" right after the church service on Aug 30th., A display of old photo ,dress in by-gone attire and bring a picnic lunch.

NO NON-PUBLIC

REMINDER: NO Board of Selectmen meeting next week

September 11th Civic Award nomination due

October 156 Award Ceremony at Effingham School

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Multi-Year Road Maintenance Plan-Review

Board adjourned at 8:20pm

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