

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Note: Meeting of July 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

July 23, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
Theresa Swanick

Selectmen met at 4:45 with Tax Collector, Deanna Amaral to discuss the process of deeding of properties to the Town for delinquent taxes. The goal of the Board is to develop standard policies and procedures for handling the annual duty of the Tax Collector to present deeds to the Board of Selectmen for those properties that have delinquent taxes to the extent that statutorily requires this process be initiated.

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Potter reported a fraudulent posting was made on Craig's list for the sale of wood and metal on a Potter Trust property.

Tim Murphy questioned the Board about any knowledge they may have about sections of woods being marked off by marking ribbons. They were used during the recent search for a missing Lakeview client. He told of several instances of breaches of privacy and dangerous road conditions caused by Lakeview clients who left the facility's grounds and made their way onto Green Mountain Road. Tim also opened discussion about certain Class 6 roads being kept somewhat cleared to be used as fire lanes. Selectmen will discuss this with the Fire Chief and Fire Warden.

Chris Seamans requested maintenance work be done to Moody Road and that there be a speed limit sign put up. Selectmen will arrange for both to be done.

Randy Burbank reported that the Emergency Management Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan have now been distributed. It has been a busy week for the Fire Department. Randy is planning on arranging for a tabletop exercise of the Town's Emergency Management Plan after finding that there is funding available for that purpose. Randy has spoken with the Sheriff's Office about further action regarding the Fire Department uniforms that remain unreturned. Research is being done on that to find what collection options are available through that department.

Maureen Spencer inquired about the results of the energy audit conducted at the Library/Town

Hall. The report has not been received yet. Selectman Swanick will look in to when that report can be expected.

Mike Cahalane reported that he attended a recent meeting of the Province Lake Association. He found it very interesting and informative. He has volunteered to participate in water quality testing which the Association will be conducting.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report.

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

Selectmen met with Mike Pilkovsky to discuss transfer station improvements. He has volunteered to assist in planning and oversight as this is his occupation. Mike came in late to this meeting to return a site map of the transfer station he had been given and inquire about Selectmen's thoughts on the elements thought to be necessary in the new attendant's shed which will be part of the planned improvements.

The Town has been informed of the intent to conduct a prescribed burn on the Effingham/Freedom line. Notification will be posted and the agency performing the burn will be contacted to make sure other notifications will be forthcoming.

Selectmen will be planning to receive the NIMS training they require to perform their assigned function in an emergency. Some fire department members also need to complete the program.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectmen plan to meet with Lakeview officials some time next week to discuss procedural changes that must take place to mitigate the recent increase in clients leaving the facility grounds leading to intervention with neighbors and causing traffic dangers. Police Chief Butts and Fire Chief Burbank will be asked to attend. Mr. Potter noted that he recently read a newspaper article in which it was reported that changes were being instituted.

A recent report from a resident regarding a town owned property on School Street caused Board members to unanimously vote to remove the home from the market at this time.

Selectman Eldridge met with a representative of PSNH to arrange for a street light to be put up at the intersection of Routes 153 and 25. The placing of the fixture is expected by the end of the week.

Selectmen Eldridge and Spencer will be available at the auction to be held Wednesday to sell a town owned property.

Selectman Eldridge will be ordering a new sign for the Municipal Office Building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bids were opened for the annual paving project and the bi-annual road mowing contract. There was only one bid submitted for each project. F.R. Carroll will be awarded the paving project and David Elliott was awarded the two year road mowing contract.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

The town's road contractor, Ron Evans came in to provide his monthly report to the Board. The Moody Road maintenance issues were discussed. He promised to do this work first. He will start working on necessary culverts when flooding from recent rain subsides.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Theresa Swanick, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman