

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 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 22, 2015 and weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Spencer, Welfare Officer will be posting a list of needs for children in the Effingham Elementary School for those to contribute to. The list will also be posted on the Town's website. She reported that if there is a government shutdown, food stamps will stop on October 1, 2015 and this will affect the General Assistance budget.

Library Trustee, Maureen Spencer announced that there is a Sherlock Holmes program this evening at 5:30 at the library.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Randy Burbank—stated that Engine 1 passed inspection with flying colors. Hose testing is currently being done. There are (2) grants that he is looking into applying for, one is for portable radios, 5 of the current radios are over the 10 year limit and the other is for a “repeater” to be possibly be placed somewhere on Green Mountain. The Fire Department is once again having a “Coats for Kids” Drive; they will be doing this in coordination with the faculty of the Effingham Elementary School. Randy is reaching out to the town's people who may be interested in attending a CPR class. There needs to be 10 individuals registered in order to schedule a class. Anyone interested can call Randy at 539-7956. There is no update on the manufacturing of the new fire vehicle, although the department has been receiving new equipment that will be used with the vehicle. Randy will check with Dick Thompson the Fire Warden to see if the inspection was done on the forestry truck.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Spencer reported the snow blower has been ordered but has not been delivered to the Ossipee John Deere location as of yet. Library parking lot update: Selectman Spencer has spoken to H. E.

Bergeron Engineering to see what the cost would be to do a study on the parking lot, including a change for traffic flow. The electrician, Dana Amidon was out on Monday to check on the outside lighting that needs replacing and follow through on the repairs.

Selectman Edwards reported that the pile of material on Plantation Road at the Leonard property was removed. Two sections on Pine River Road have been paved, one section is ready for paving and the final section prep work will be started after the rain has stopped this week. Snow Road Bridge replacement estimate will be approximately \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

Selectman Eldridge reported that the fencing at the transfer station will take place the week of October 19 thru October 23 and that the area has been prepped with gravel. A letter has been sent out to the Rumney Hill Road property owner. Selectman Edwards stated he will be making a visit to the property owner. Vaughn English, Arborist will be out by the end of this week to remove the marked trees on Granite Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectman Edwards reported that there is no update on the Granite Road Bridge report, since the DOT Engineer has not had an opportunity to look at the plans. Selectman Edwards will follow up with a call to the engineer if he doesn't hear from him by Thursday, October 1, 2015. Selectman Eldridge stated that a plan needs to be made on Granite Road, Stevens Road and Snow Road Bridge-prioritizing these (3) bridges. The budget for bridges was set at \$90,000.00; \$8,000.00 of that has been used for the start of Steven's Road Bridge permitting. Paving will be done next week on Champion Hill Road. Granite Road reconstruction is one-month behind schedule and the Road Contractor puts the time line to start in two weeks.

The Board of Selectmen voted to have the Town owned building on School Street taken down, materials removed and to be leveled to the foundation. Currently the Town has one estimate to do the work. The Town Administrator will reach out to other companies for estimates.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Linda Edwards asked who dismantled the salt shed and maybe we can reach out to them for the Town owned School Street property. Town Administrator Claudia Lamphier stated that Evans Brothers hired a company to dismantle the salt shed.

Resident Tom Thompson stated I would think that Stoney Ridge Enviromental would be involved with the DES permitting for the Snow Road Bridge.

NON-PUBLIC: None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Adjourned meeting at 5:00pm

Timothy Eldridge

Date:_____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

