

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Lawrence Edwards

Henry Spencer

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.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of November 3, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$73,387.49.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Tom Thompson questioned the recently placed town line sign where Wakefield and Effingham meet. How was this determined, because when Charlie (Highway Department) from Wakefield came out and walked the line it wasn't denoted to be on the pavement? He also mentioned that he made available to the Selectmen's office 4 copies of the two RSAs that pertain to the upper Molly Philbrick situation. (Copies are attached to these minutes).

Library Trustee Maureen Spencer asked Selectman Edwards if and when he was going to make the (2) sand barrels for the library, he said he will get to it soon.

Resident Maureen Spencer announced that the Friends of Mountain View are having a fund raiser on Sunday, November 15 @ 4pm, Irish music with refreshment.

Resident Chris Seamans mentioned that there are 2 trees on wires between 44 and 68 Moody Road. There was a tree crew working on Moody Road at the time and he asked them about taking care of the trees, he was told they are not that crew to do that.

Resident Norma Tavares asked the Select board for an update date on Camp Marist. Selectman Eldridge responded that they haven't paid their tax bill yet.

Selectman Eldridge announced that the Transfer Station will be open tomorrow, Veterans Day, November 11, 2015.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Highway Contractor, Bob Battles gave his monthly report on roads. Paving on Champion Hill Road has been completed. He reported that 26 loads of material were removed from Champion Hill Road. During the October 29th windstorm he received a call from Governor Wentworth Region School District about a

couple of trees down on Jones Road where a school bus couldn't pass through, it was taken care of. Update: Granite Road reconstruction, trees are down and stumps will need to be removed after the rain storm. Turn outs on Colcord Hill Road were closed up by leaves and clean up was done. Selectman Spencer asked Bob Battles, Highway Contractor if there is way that through his billing system can he breakdown the specific number of hours his machines were used at each location. Town Administrator, Claudia Lamphier said that this will be handled through the Selectmen's office using the highway contractors billing system. Selectman Spencer will be in touch with DES to obtain the necessary form(s) for the (5) culverts in town.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Eldridge gave an update on the property at 194 Wilkinson Swamp Road; tentative auction date is December 5, 2015 to be held on site. Once the listing agreement and seller disclosure is signed by the select board, Stephen Scofield from Scofield Auctions will set the permanent date.

The electrical wires have been removed from the School Street property and Fair Point and Time Warner will be removing their wires at the end of this week. Town Administrator, Claudia Lamphier will contact the Town of Freedom to obtain a copy of their policy for underground utilities crossing under a town road.

Selectman Spencer reported as Health Officer he followed up on rental unit mold issue. There is an RSA related to the town's responsibility on leaks but no RSA on mold. He will draw up a letter to the property owner.

Selectman Edwards addressed Tom Thompson's question about the Wakefield/ Effingham town line. It was denoted that when the line was run it came to the "pine tree". He will go out and run the line with Ossipee. He reported that he visited the property owner on Rumney Hill Road and the trailer is not in the class 6 roadway but the stacked wood does overlap. He said the owner will move the wood within the lines.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Winter Grounds RFP was reviewed and motion was made to approve as written. The RFP is scheduled to be in the newspaper this week, several emails have been sent to area businesses that do this type of work and a local contractor came by the office to pick up a copy of the RFP today.

The town received approval from the property owner on Granite Road (Nutter Road side) to use as the turnaround for the snow plows while the Granite Road Bridge is closed.

NEW BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Chris Seamans asked the select board if they would take into consideration for the future that the transfer station be closed on Veteran's Day. He stated that there are at least 2 employees who are veterans. Also, he mentioned that the town should consider in the future having more signage when they have a sub-contractor(s) doing road work and closing down roads.

Resident Leann Leonard reported that there is a large chunk missing from one of the telephone poles on Plantation Road just down the hill past Pat Riker's.

Resident Bill Piekut mentioned that the property on Rumney Hill Road has only one mobile home listed on the property card but there are 2 mobile homes that don't meet the setbacks. Town Administrator, Claudia Lamphier stated that the Zoning Enforcement Office did go out to the site and stated to Claudia that there is a second trailer on the property that does not meet the setback requirements. Rebecca, Zing Enforcement Officer will send a letter out to the property regarding her findings.

Maureen Spencer, General Assistance reminded all that the clothing drive is still on going for the elementary school children.

Resident Eric Potter asked if the town knew how much it was going to cost to tear up the parking lot at the Library. Bob Battles from Dig N Doze is willing to remove the pavement only- as in kind work, thank you from all to Bob Battles.

Discussion took place about removing the four propane tanks, reducing to one large and relocating when the parking lot is being redone. Town Administrator, Claudia Lamphier will look into by calling Amerigas to see what is involved.

Library Trustee, Maureen Spencer mentioned that Selectman Edwards offered to do the tree stumping on the hill and asked that he write up a document that states that it was work done in kind. This would be beneficial when it comes time for applying for grants.

Resident Norma Tavares mentioned that when the paving was being done on Pine River Road, the paving company came onto her property, used their hose and emptied out paving material on her property. Selectman Spencer will speak to Lakes Region Paving about this matter.

Selectman Edwards asked about where the stumps from Granite Road should be dumped. Question was put out there where stumps had previously been dumped in the past, answer was John Edwards pit. If he is willing to take them again, will there need to be a waiver signed? It is not necessary for a waiver to be signed, since the selectmen are aware. Selectman Edwards will speak to John if he is willing to take the stumps. Statement was made that Lakes Region Paving did not charge the town for fine grading on Champion Hill Road.

Resident Eric Potter said he couldn't resist stating that the history with tree stumps was used for fencing.

Selectman Spencer and Selectman Edwards both agreed that logger, Richard Buswell must remove stone that was placed on Snow Road during the logging operation.

NON-PUBLIC: None

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: None

Adjourned @ 6:25 pm

Timothy Eldridge

Date: _____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards