

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge (absent)
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

Leo Racine thanked the Board for allowing the Preservation Society to dispose of roofing shingles at the transfer station. He also thanked them having the culvert on Libby Road replaced.

Mr. Potter reported that since the new pavement has been completed on Town House Road, cars seem to be traveling at excessive speed. He is concerned that the road contractor's employees may be offenders. Mr. Potter offered his property as a site for Town police officers to stage vehicles to check for speeding/traffic violations. He also reported that the floors of the Center Effingham Church have been sanded down, to reveal the original floor boards and they evidence the placement of the original pews.

A property owner requested the Board accept a scheduled payment plan to catch up on his overdue taxes.

Erik Jones reported that the booth which the Historical Society had at the Ossipee Valley Fair was awarded third prize. He also noted that recent Selectmen's minutes are not posted on the Town's website yet.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire/rescue department calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer reported that the plumber fixed the leaks in the attendant's shed at the transfer station. While there, the plumber noted a potential problem with the excessive water pressure in the well. Selectman Spencer plans to speak with the well driller to address this issue.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of July 8th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The septic designer has not contacted Selectman Spencer to report the status of the revised septic plan for the transfer station. When asked, Selectmen Spencer reported that he anticipates the septic designer, Mark McConkey will bear the expense of replacing the failed system.

Selectman Spencer has approached the property owner at the corner of Town House Road, requesting that they cut the over growth on the embankment, which is impairing the view of traffic turning onto Route 153 south. Vegetation has been cut, but the embankment still impairs the view. The owner will be asked to cut out the embankment.

Selectman Edwards has reviewed the traffic ordinance submitted by Police Chief Butts for approval. He has concerns about certain sections of the ordinance and questions whether the ordinance is necessary at all. Selectmen reviewed those concerns and Chief Butts will be asked to address the Board about the reasoning behind certain sections of the ordinance.

The multi-town group which has been exploring options for emergency medical services, is requesting another meeting. Effingham will be represented at the meeting.

Board members reviewed the list of roadwork that has been completed and/or remains to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Marist Brothers of New Hampshire, owners of Camp Marist, will initiate discussion with Selectmen regarding taxation at their August 12th meeting. An existing long term agreement will expire at the end of 2014. For many years, the Marist Brothers have made a payment in lieu of taxes and offered camp scholarships to Effingham children.

A property owner on Town House Road has requested that a gully at the end of their driveway be repaired. Selectman Edwards will evaluate the current situation.

Selectmen have received an estimate for painting the Town Hall/Library building. They will consider painting during the annual budgeting process.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Zoning Enforcement Officer had nothing new to report, but thanked the Board for arranging the recent question and answer session with the Town's attorney to review land use issues.

The Board entered into a non-public session at 6:25 for a personnel issue. The topic of discussion was the hourly rate paid to individuals working at the transfer station. This discussion was initiated by the hiring of an employee, who questioned the starting rate of pay. After reviewing the current pay scale and the job requirements, Selectmen determined they will continue with the

current starting pay rate, but consider raising hourly pay for that department when the budget process takes place. The non-public session concluded at 6:35.

The Board adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman