

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer (absent)
Timothy Eldridge
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

Linda Edwards voiced her concern about guns being allowed to be carried into polling places when the polling place is an elementary school as is the case in Effingham. She reported that at the last election she was told someone was carrying a gun. Chief Butts said he would check the laws further concerning this issue, but felt that as long a pistol permit has been issued to the individual carrying a gun, nothing could be done to stop this. The whole issue will be discussed with school officials and election officials.

Eric Potter announced that an evangelist and singer would be at the Center Effingham Church and the Effingham Falls Baptist Church during the weekend of the 12th through 14th.

Chris Seamans requested an update on road issues discussed at previous meetings. He also asked if any headway has been made in an effort to condemn a dwelling which is dilapidated at 38 Town House Road. Eric Seamans will check with Selectman Spencer who said at a prior meeting he would look into this issue.

Randy Burbank requested a non-public session for a personnel issue. That session will be held after all usual business has been concluded.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue call report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

LRPC has released an update which reveals that 35 ton of hazardous waste was collected at this year's annual event.

Selectman Eldridge attended a workshop that Selectmen are required to attend pertaining to elections. He noted that two Selectmen must be in attendance at all elections, at all times.

Selectman Eldridge thanked Mr. Potter for a wonderful breakfast which was held by the Center Effingham Church.

Selectman Spencer reported that the septic system at the transfer station is operating and paving will be done soon.

Selectmen will be holding an employee recognition get together. Those involved in Town affairs will be asked to vote for one elected official, one volunteer and one employee for an annual award.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of August 26th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The multi-town ambulance exploratory group is creating a request for proposals. Each town will specify their own requirements.

A phone message has been left to an area mason to work on the Snow Road culvert.

NEW BUSINESS

The Selectmen's meeting next Tuesday must be rescheduled due to a primary election being held. The Board decided to hold next week's meeting on Monday the 8th of September.

Selectmen reviewed road projects.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Police Chief Butts gave his monthly update report. During a recent search for a Lakeview resident the reverse 911 system was used and worked great. The Governor has declared a state of emergency due to the sale of over the counter substances referred to as "spice" marketed to children that have proven to be deadly, even with one use. Speeding details are ongoing but resulting in less stops. Chief Butts believes that the reduction in travel speeds throughout town is due to consistent speed patrols. The complaint about a trailer parked at the intersection of Elm Street and Green Mountain Road has been addressed. The trailer is no longer kept in town.

The Board entered into non-public session at 6:30 pm to speak with Fire Chief Burbank to discuss a recent structure fire in town. The discussion was to address behaviors displayed, or reported to have been displayed at the scene of the fire, which warranted a non-public status to the session. Chief Burbank requested that any concerns or complaints be directed to him or Deputy Piekut.

The Board voted to come out of non-public session at 7:10 and met with Police Chief Butts and Sergeant Sacco at the PD office to get a run down on activities involved in daily operations.

The Board adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman