

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 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

The Province Lake Association came to the meeting to report on their progress on the watershed study they have been working on for some time. They are pursuing grant funding to assist with resolving issues which have degraded the quality of Province Lake. Some of the contamination is due to runoff from Bonnyman Road. If funded, the study will include road management engineering plans which will provide drainage solutions. It was noted that the Bonnyman Road runoff has substantial cost to the Town by way of constant replacement of road materials. The group requested a letter of support from the Board.

Geneva Thompson on behalf of Bill Stover, asked for an update on the purchase of cemetery lots which the office staff has been assisting him with.

Bill Nelson requested permission to campaign at the transfer station and the Board approved.

Mr. Potter spoke of a family that has become homeless. The Potter family is assisting them.

Mike Cahalane gave a brief report on the progress of the salt shed. When he checked with the manufacturer, he found that the bolts that were purchased by the contractor were compliant for warrantee purposes.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue call report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Spencer may be late for the meeting next week due to attendance at another meeting previously scheduled.

Selectmen Edwards and Spencer will meet at the Woodland Cemetery on Saturday to look at the

layout of the lots there and see what markers presently exist to assist in marking specific lots for burial.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of September 23rd and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The road crack sealing is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 6th. The roads to be sealed are Old Pound Road, Highwatch Road and Bailey Road. Each of these roads has been paved in the recent past. It is hoped that the sealing will extend the life expectancy of the pavement on these roads.

The stonework at the Snow Road culvert is almost completed. The culvert will need to be cleaned out. Chief Burbank was asked to see if flushing the culvert with water may help in the cleaning effort.

Selectman Spencer has received and will be installing an eyewash station for the attendant's shed at the transfer station.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library Trustees have received and passed along to the Selectmen, an estimate to move the hot water element from the basement crawl space to the first floor. A gas burner will be installed in the crawl space to keep the water pipes from freezing and some ADA compliant changes to the bathrooms were included in the estimate. The Board approved the work to be done.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Mark Bussiere, transfer station supervisor attended for his quarterly update meeting. He did not have any concerns except that a container has not been secured for the electronic equipment and with winter approaching the current boxes being used will not be sufficient. The office is working on finding and purchasing a shipping container for that purpose. Selectman Edwards plans to make a temporary structure to serve as a platform to assist in reaching the compactor doors. If the platform works well, a more permanent one will be made of metal.

The Board adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman

