

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
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

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire and rescue calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

The next committee meeting for ambulance coverage for the region will take place on November 5th.

The altered schedule of upcoming Selectmen's meetings was reviewed again. There will be no meeting on the week of the general election and the following week, the meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12th.

Selectman Spencer performed an inspection at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation.

The Budget Committee will meet tonight.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 21st and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

It appears there will not be any paved road crack sealing this year. A reputable firm with available time cannot be found.

Selectman Edwards has not yet found a used shipping container for the transfer station. The effort to secure one will continue. The container will be used for storage of tires and electronics.

Selectman Edwards continues to research the history of sales and burial sites at Woodland Cemetery and the delineation of the new section which was surveyed a few years ago. It has been discussed that a permanent position should be developed so there is continuity to the oversight of cemetery business. He has approached Lenny Espie who may be willing to take on the

responsibilities related to the sale of lots and maintenance of the cemetery. Lenny will be asked to attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss this.

NEW BUSINESS

Police will be present at the polls at Effingham Elementary School on November 4th. Selectman Eldridge plans to be at the polls all day. Each of the other Selectmen will alternate coverage.

Selectman Edwards asked for confirmation from Police Chief Butts, that the Effingham Police Department does not have any authority in the State of Maine. Given that confirmation, Selectman Edwards voiced his concern about why the Effingham Police Department responded to two calls in Maine recently. Chief Butts explained on the occasion when Selectman Edwards reported he had followed the Effingham cruiser to Smith Road in Maine, the officer had been asked to assist in securing the scene of a crime until a Maine deputy, who was on route arrived. On the other occasion, an assault victim had been brought to the golf course at the state line, but the attack had taken place on Bonnyman Road in Effingham. Effingham Police were contacted by those who rescued the victim and brought him to the golf course. The investigation of that attack is underway.

Selectman Edwards asked Fire Chief Burbank to address things he has been told relating to the Stevens Road structure fire which happened several weeks ago. He reportedly was told that the first responder on scene, an Effingham firefighter, was not in proper gear, allowed the fire to get out of control and that another responding department took control over the scene upon arrival. Chief Burbank responded that the named firefighter asked an officer of the neighboring department to take command of the scene so he could continue to fight the fire. The allegation that the Effingham department member was not in full gear will be looked into since that has not been in question to this point. Chief Burbank noted that both he and Selectman Edwards have attended a mutual aid meeting since that fire and none of these allegations arose. In fact, at the mutual aid meeting Chief Burbank asked if there was any feedback regarding that fire, since he was not on scene, and there was no comment made to him.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

none

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman