

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

June 16, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge  
Henry Spencer  
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.

Pledge of Allegiance

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest .

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Norma Tavares asked how to dispose of her TV. She also asked for an update on the taxation issue concerning Camp Marist and was informed that this will be discussed as a matter of business later in the meeting.

Dick Thompson asked about the Town's Boston cane and who currently holds it. The cane is in the possession of the Town. He reported that Ossipee has had a replica made and presents it to the oldest person in town. He will provide the contact information for the company that manufactures those replicas. He also encouraged the Board to do the roadwork necessary to repair the pavement on Pine River Road stating he felt it was now dangerous to travel.

Maureen Spencer announced that the Friends of the Library will be available at the Library on Wednesday evening. A fun gathering is planned at the Library between 5:30 and 7:00 with a door prize to be awarded.

Leanne Leonard asked if the cemetery custodian position had been posted.

Eric Potter announced that Monday marked the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Magna Carta.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue report.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Rebecca Boyden discussed current issues at her monthly meeting with Selectmen. She submitted

her monthly report. Lakeview reorganization will require permitting from a Zoning Enforcement perspective. That process has been initiated. An enforcement action taken on Libby Road is bringing positive results. A local campground owner has submitted application for accessory structures. Only HDC has submitted information necessary to create a proposed flowchart of necessary action to suit individual needs as they relate to land use.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

Selectman Spencer has done some research on oil contamination remediation, should that become a problem with the removal of an oil tank on a town owned property taken by tax deed. The Town's insurer and the State of New Hampshire would assist in the financing of remediation.

Selectman Edwards has spoken to Lakes Region Paving about patching sections of paving on Pine River Road. The representative reported there is time available at the end of the month to do that project. The Board intends to wait until proposals are received next week, to determine what paved road projects will be contracted for this year.

Selectman Spencer will be speaking at the sixth grade promotion ceremony on Wednesday. He will present each of the sixth graders with a certificate of congratulations from the Board of Selectmen and a paperback dictionary.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board voted unanimously to deny charitable status tax exemption to the Marist Brothers of New Hampshire. With the assistance of the Town's attorney, it was determined that there was not sufficient demonstrated evidence that the Camp that is owned by that organization, operates purely for charitable purposes. Several questions and comments about this issue were offered by those in attendance. It is anticipated that the Marist Brothers of New Hampshire may appeal this decision.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motor vehicle fees will be increasing by \$1.00 on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The increase is an edict of the State and the fees received will become part of the general fund.

There was only one proposal submitted for the roadside mowing contract. It was submitted by Dave Elliot for \$14,275. The contract was awarded by unanimous vote. Selectman Eldridge noted that some towns rent a machine for roadside mowing and provide a driver. Before this next bi-annual contract expires, the Board will look into a cost comparison of that option vs. outside contractor proposals.

The Board will be meeting on a staggered bi-weekly schedule for the months of July and August. The dates that the Board will be meeting are July 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Board went into non-public session at 6:30 pm to discuss applications for employment received to fill the cemetery custodian position. It was decided that Lenny Espie will be offered the position. The Board closed their non-public session at 6:37 pm. The Board discussed information related to the rebuilding of the Stevens Road bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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Timothy Eldridge, Chairman

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman