

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge (absent)
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 weekly manifest for May 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Cauble has reviewed the letter sent to a landowner about property conditions and thanked the Board for taking that action. He suggested that the Board contact Ossipee Selectmen to find what action they have taken about the same landowner's dilapidated properties there.

Fire Warden Dick Thompson spoke about his concern that the fire tower on Green Mountain has not been manned during this extreme fire danger period. He is going to be addressing this with officials in Concord. He reported that he will be replacing 3 tanks. He will be issuing a burn permit to the transfer station supervisor so he may burn after rain with the Warden and Fire Chief present with extinguishing apparatus. Warden Thompson also asked if the grant funding from last year's purchase had been received.

Tom Thompson reported that he read an article in the Wall Street Journal which referenced the lack of regular perambulation in areas of New Hampshire. Effingham was not listed and Tom asked if perambulation with other towns had been accomplished.

A resident of Town House Road has a concern about the lack of physical restraint of livestock owned by a neighbor. He is concerned about the animals wandering into the roadway creating a traffic hazard.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue report.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

During the regular monthly update meeting, Chief Burbank noted that the cost of heating oil for

station 2, has dropped considerably since the installation of the new heating system. The annual cost prior to the new system was \$3300 and the expense during this past year was \$1900. Department members will be receiving instruction on the new airbags on June 3rd. Three new members have joined the department. The new EMS provider seems to be adhering to mandatory response times. Chief Burbank reported that Lakeview Rehabilitation has not needed any Fire Department response in the last 3 months, which is unusual. The Firefighter's Association held a yard sale over the weekend which went well.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectmen will arrange for a soil test to be performed at a town owned property. The same soil scientist has tested the Stevens Road bridge site for the required information in order to move forward with replacing the red lined bridge. The soil scientist has a working relationship with a local engineer which Selectman Edwards would like her to be able to use.

Tim Murphy will be written a letter of thanks for repairing the Woodland Cemetery sign.

Selectmen Edwards will be getting estimates for road crack sealing.

Selectman Spencer attended a Carroll County Health Coalition meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen have not found information on the owner of a mobile home on Rumney Hill Road.

Selectmen Eldridge has drafted, and the Board approved, a posting for the cemetery custodian position.

Stillings Road has been swept by the road contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen have signed the first issue property tax billing warrant.

The 2015-2017 road maintenance contract has not been awarded. The Board will be meeting with officers of one of the companies who submitted a proposal to address some questions.

Selectman Edwards will be speaking with certain property owners on Granite Road which will be affected by the upcoming reconstruction of a section of that road.

The meeting was recessed at 6:05 pm to be reconvened at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 27.

At 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 27th the Board reconvened. All Board members were present. Bob Battles of Dig and Doze was also present.

Board members decided that an RFP for crack sealing will be drafted. The roads to be sealed will be Old Pound Road, Bailey Road, Town House Road and Pine River Road. Another RFP will be drafted for crack sealing, shimming and chip sealing of Green Mountain Road from the Ryefield Road intersection to the Drake Road/Champion Hill Road intersection.

The Board discussed with Mr. Battles concerns about submission of his proposal for the road

maintenance contract without proof of worker's compensation insurance. An explanation was given for the oversight at the time of submission.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Timothy Eldridge, Chairman

Date: _____

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman