

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

April 8 , 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**

Mr. Potter reported that he was very impressed with the third grade school children he met with recently, to discuss the history of Effingham. He stated the group was so well behaved, even with the teacher out of the room, it shocked him. He also was surprised at how attentive they were and how sophisticated their questions were.

Eric Jones reported that a neighbor on Stillings Lane is parking in the roadway.

Randy Burbank reported the toilets are not working at Fire Station #2. He will be working with a plumber on trying to find the problem.

Mrs. Buzzell commented on how nice it is to travel the roadways now that the potholes are being filled in.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire/rescue department calls.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Selectman Edwards will be compiling a list of road repair and reconstruction projects that he feels needs to be addressed during the current year.

Bill Piekut will be asked to come in to explain what research has been done on the plan he has developed to replace the current salt shed and how he will proceed with the oversight of replacing the current structure.

The next meeting of the towns who have collectively entered into a mutual ambulance contract, is being scheduled for the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of April, depending on the day which fits the schedule of most.

Transfer Station attendant, Mark Bussiere will be returning to work this Saturday, after an extended leave due to illness. All will be glad to welcome him back.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the Minutes of April 1st and the weekly manifest.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Apex Plumbing will be coming next Wednesday. They plan to finish work on the attendant's shed at the transfer station and finishing the work to be done to the sink in the kitchen of the municipal office building.

White Mountain Survey will be in next week to discuss developing a paving RFP for this year's paving project, which can also be adapted for other projects in future years.

Selectmen reviewed and revised their timeline for upcoming projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint N. Eric Potter to the Historic District Commission to a term which will expire in 2017.

Selectmen will ask the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rebecca Boyden to participate in discussion of whether or not to increase building permit fees. It was noted that increasing fees would further offset the expense of zoning enforcement. A tiered price structure, based on cost of improvements to be made, will be one of the considerations.

The documentation and advertisement for the Camp Marist lottery drawing has been completed and will be distributed this week. Applications will be made available at the Municipal Office Building, the Effingham Public Library and the Effingham Elementary School. The drawing will be held at the Selectmen's meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Board members entered into a discussion with Fire Chief Randy Burbank pertaining to allegations of negligent and/or incompetent behavior on the part of Effingham Fire Department members, as presented the Board at last week's meeting in a non-public session with Mellisa and Chris Seamans. While Selectmen were inclined to hold the session as a non-public personnel discussion, Chief Burbank insisted on the discussion taking place during public session. He presented call sheets and pictures to dispute the charges which reportedly originated from members of fire departments in neighboring towns. Randy said he would be addressing these allegations and concerns of other departments at the next meeting of the Mutual Aid Association.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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