

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Lawrence Edwards

Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature and Action Folder were reviewed. A letter of concern was received in writing and signed. Board of Selectmen will be discussing this matter in non-public.

Letter sent by The Caubles regarding paved area between Lee Speiler's property and Caubles. Their concern is the broken down pavement and it needs to be repaved before winter. A follow-up will be done to determine if this section of School Street is town road or does it belong to the property owners.

In action folder the town received an estimate for a nonfunctional alarm system includes transponder and (panic buttons) for Selectmen's, Town Clerk, Zoning and General Assistance office. The total estimate is \$1236.00. Selectman Eldridge reviewed budget lines for available funds. He will speak to Town Administrator to clarify if there are available funds in the correct line item.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of November 3, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$48,228.39.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Erik Jones reported that fence pieces are lying down at the Barker Cemetery. Did the Board of Selectmen know if the State took them down or did Lenny Espie (cemetery custodian). He expressed how easily they can be removed. Selectman Edwards will touch base with Lenny Espie and the state contact in Freedom.

Resident Tim Murphy expressed his concerns about the Headlines in CCI about Lakeview becoming a drug treatment center. He would like to see that the Town gets involved in over seeing what goes in up there. He reminded the board that with this type of treatment center there will most definitely be an increase in break-ins and thefts. This ultimately will cost the town more money in the long run. Resident Sheila Jones feels that the town should have an agreement with them over the security they need to have in place. Selectman Spencer will follow up with a call to the State to see where this is at with them.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS: Zoning Enforcement, Rebecca will come in to do her monthly report after her office hours.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Eldridge reported that the Snow Removal (winter grounds) RFP has been in the newspaper and the Selectmen's office staff has reached out by email and telephone to possible interested parties. It is due back on November 24, 2015. He will follow through with contacting the Town of Freedom to obtain a copy of their policy for power crossing under town roads. Update on on-line credit card use in the Town Clerk's office is almost ready to flip the switch. Selectmen's office will contact Teresa Swanick when this happens, so she can place the announcement on the town's website.

Selectman Spencer will report on road concerns will be discussed under OLD BUSINESS. He brought up constructing a free standing roof to be placed over the 4 propane tanks at the Library that can be repurposed in the future. He stated it would be less expensive to construct a roof than run a line and move the tanks. He would like the board to give the go ahead to Randy Burbank to take care of this; the cost would be approximately \$600.00. Selectman Spencer brought up for further discussion the Selectmen having one less meeting per month. All three Selectmen are agreeable to this change. Selectman Spencer put some numbers together that would reduce their salaries if the change should take place, that could be considered. If there is to be a change it would not take effect until after Town meeting.

Resident Mike Cahalane stated with his observation of the work that the Selectmen do behind the scenes, they should seriously consider not reducing the Selectmen's salary.

Selectman Edwards asked Selectman Spencer on whether the shoulder work had been completed on Champion Hill Road; if it hasn't been done he needs to contact Dig n Doze. He asked Selectman Spencer if he contacted DES for the proper forms needed to add additional culverts in on Granite Road. Selectman Spencer responded with he left several message but didn't hear back, he will follow through. Was Eversource contacted about the pole with the gouge on Plantation Road? Selectman Spencer will follow through with these items. Selectman Edwards reported he will be running the line with Wakefield Selectman next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Granite Road reconstruction is still on going.

Green Mountain Road "2016 Reconstruction" will be the section on Ryefield Road to Highwatch Road. Selectman Eldridge will contact Dig n Doze and FR Carroll for quotes.

Update Trailer on Rumney Hill Road- Town Enforcement Officer has been out to the property and will report to the Board of Selectmen with her findings and what her next step will be. School Street property is scheduled for demo on December 1, 2015. All wires have been removed from the house and barn.

Property on Wilkinson Swamp Road is scheduled for auction on site for December 5, 2015.

Water test results from the transfer station are expected in tomorrow. Several message have been left for Plumber, Nate Perkins to install a on demand water heater at the transfer station, he hasn't called back. Erik Jones suggested that we give Joel MacLeod a call; he was the plumber that did the water heaters at the Library. Maureen Spencer will be in touch with the Selectmen's office with his number.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion took place on "Road Maintenance" budget and "Road Paving/Reconstruction" budget. Spot grading on Granite Road, grading on Huntress Bridge Road and Simon Hill Road need to be graded before winter. Resident Tom Thompson stated that Simon Hill Road is like a washboard, but only a short section needs to be graded up to #250 (Bates property) because the remainder of the road is closed for the winter.

Fire Warden was unavailable to meet with the Board of Selectmen to review his budget tonight. The Board of Selectmen will be meeting with him next Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 4:45pm.

Molly Philbrick Road for 2016 budget requires an estimate for repair work and how to fix these issues for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Erik Jones announced “Christmas in Effingham” Friday, November 27 @ 7pm at the Effingham Public Library “A New England Christmas” production; Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 at Ye Olde Sale Shoppe an open house; Saturday, November 28-7pm service at the So. Effingham Church followed by the tree lighting; Sunday, November 29 at 12 pm to 2:30pm readings of a “Christmas Carol” at the South Effingham Church.

Resident Tom Thompson reported that there are 3 structures on the Rumney Hill Road property.

Resident Maureen Spencer, Friend of Mountain View reported that the event on Sunday, November 15 at Mountain View was a huge success and Effingham was well represented. She stated that the CPR course will be held after the holidays, cost is \$45 to \$50 includes class and material. Currently there are 4 individuals signed up and they need another 6 to make this happen. Reminder: well you are shopping for winter clothing keep in mind the children at the Elementary School that need warm clothing. This announcement is currently on the Town’s website and the Library’s website. She will see that the Effingham reporter puts it in his column.

NON-PUBLIC: Personnel matter

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Roll call vote to go into Non-Public @ 6:38pm

Non-Public ended at 7:20 pm

Zoning Enforcement Officer met with the Board of Selectmen on proper procedures when dealing with commercial property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Timothy Eldridge

Date:_____

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards