

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 2014

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Absent: Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Chris Seamans lodged a complaint regarding the condition of Moody Road. Selectman Eldridge noted installation of a culvert is one of the items the Board would like to accomplish this season.

Jonathan King lodged a complaint with regards to an abutting parcel claiming a junkyard and recycling center is operating on site. The Selectman will ask the Zoning Officer to look into it.

Erik Jones asked who is working on the town website. Theresa Swanick noted information is currently uploaded by a resident in her spare time. Theresa offered to take on some of the more technical work as it pertains to the website and Selectman Eldridge asked her to draft a job description for the Boards review.

Chris Seamans suggested the Board consider moving the Veterans Memorial at Lords Hill to the Town Hall/Library. Further discussion ensued but no decision was made.

Teresa Swanick announced Transfer Station Attendant Roger Steding passed his level 3 certification through the Department of Environmental Services. She also reminded Selectmen that a member of the Board should pursue level 3 certification as well.

#### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Selectman Edwards noted his attendance at the regional compact informational meeting regarding ambulance service, talks are just opening up. Selectman Eldridge was also in attendance and reported the compact members are requesting two representatives from each community sign on to attend meetings. He asked if anyone in the audience was interested and hearing no volunteers he and Lawrence will continue to attend.

Selectman Edwards asked if the Board needed to consider increasing permit fees for construction and offered to talk more on the matter with the Zoning Officer.

Selectman Eldridge noted the Board has contracted with White Mountain Survey to write paving specifications for the topcoat on Town House Road. White Mountain Survey will meet with the

Board on April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.

Selectman Edwards offered to conduct an assessment of Moody Road to determine if something can be done at this time, under these weather conditions that would serve to better the condition of the road until the culvert can be installed.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of March 25<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Eldridge announced his completion of the timeline for top priority projects the Board will be undertaking over the next few months. He would like to spend some time reviewing it with the other members later in the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Eldridge raised discussion on creating an ad-hoc energy committee to review the town's energy needs and stay abreast of funding and grant opportunities that the town might benefit from as suggested to him by some interested residents. Some discussion ensued as members of the community in attendance added to the conversation.

#### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Police Chief Timothy Butts met with the Board for his regular monthly meeting he discussed his progress on Reverse E911 and working with staff at the Library who are willing to assist residents interested in enrolling in the program. He reported on his meeting and training with Lakeview. Chief Butts and other officers will be attending the New Hampshire National Guard training for handling soldiers returning home from war with head trauma. He noted there is continued work on narcotic operations and updated everyone on the status of the new cruiser which is expected to arrive in approx. 4 weeks.

The Board adjourned their meeting at 6:15 pm to enter into a non-public discussion with a resident on a personnel matter.

The non-public adjourned at 6:55pm and the Board resumed with their regular meeting at which time Selectmen Eldridge and Edwards reviewed the time line relative to upcoming projects and discussed some potential crack sealing projects.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman