

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 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

Many residents attended the first weekly meeting following the 2014 Town Meeting. All spoke positively about how Town Meeting went this year. One resident suggested voters be required to speak into a single microphone rather than have someone bring one around to those who choose to speak. It was also noted that one of our new residents attended the meeting and was fascinated by the process. One of the Town's newer part-time police officers also attended his first Town Meeting. He thought it was fantastic and stated he was proud to be a new resident of Effingham.

Eric Jones reported that he attended an exposition in Manchester sponsored by the Preservation Alliance on old houses and barns. He found it very interesting and he collected lots of information he hopes will be helpful to others in Town. He also noted that Sillings Lane needs additional sanding.

Randy Burbank reported the heating system being installed at Station #2 should be completed this week. He has priced AED units. They are about \$800 per unit. It has been discussed that the Library and Municipal building do not have these units.

Blair Foltz announced that Russ Lanioe is going to be speaking at the Ossipee Library.

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

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer welcomed Lawrence Edwards to the Board. He noted that Lawrence has an extensive background in road maintenance which will benefit the Board greatly since roadways are one of the major challenges Selectmen face on a regular basis.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of March 10th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer gave an update on the progress of the transfer station improvement project. The new compactors are in use. Bringing water to the attendant's shed is the next phase.

The Board is moving forward with retaining an engineering firm to help compose paving specifications and review the UNH road report. While Selectmen Spencer and Eldridge were inclined to retain the local firm, White Mountain Survey, they will wait another week to make a final decision so newly elected Selectman Edwards can review the proposals submitted.

Selectman Eldridge has been contacted to sit in on talks which are going to take place between the four neighboring towns that entered into a mutual ambulance contract three years ago. The contract was negotiated for a 5 year period with two years remaining on that contract. The ambulance provider, CarePlus, doing business locally as North Conway Ambulance has significantly increased town stipend amounts since that contract was negotiated and made it known to the "compact" towns that their rates will be increased substantially when the current contract expires. This is the basis of the upcoming talks; to see if the anticipated increases can be mitigated in some manner.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to post the roads for spring tonnage restrictions. The ban will be posted in area news publications.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Cheryle Feirick as a Library Trustee. Cheryle has been a Trustee for some time, but recently resigned to serve as interim Library Director since the recent resignation of Marilyn Swan.

Selectmen Eldridge and Edwards voted to have Selectman Spencer continue to serve as Chairman of the Board.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Police Chief Butts reported on a reverse 911 topic. While "hard lined" phones throughout Town are known by the State 911 agency, Chief Butts has looked into having other personal phone devices included in the reverse 911 calling list. He has found that people interested in having a personal phone device included, can accomplish that themselves online.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rebecca Boyden attended the meeting for her monthly update to the Board.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman