

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Lawrence Edwards

Absent: 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of October 20, 2015 and weekly manifest in the amount of \$42,636.01.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Bill Piekut stated he recalled that the replacement of the guardrail on School Street, where is that at? Selectman Eldridge responded that this was placed on hold.

Resident Maureen Spencer announced that the Fire Department is trying to get interested parties in having a CPR course for \$35.00 per individual, 10 individuals are needed to have trainer conduct the course. This is on the town's website and library's website. Maureen reported that there is a bucket in the Library for donations of winter coats for needy children from the Ossipee Rotary.

Theresa Swanick, Trustee of the Trust Funds suggested that the Town start digitizing all town reports. UNH has digitized the reports from 1892 to 2012 with a few years missing. She would like to post a link on the Town's website for interested parties to view. Currently the library has most of the past reports from Mr. Eric Potter. Sheila Jones resident stated that Bill Stewart's mother collect past town reports and will check with him on making a list (possibly be able to locate missing reports.)

Residents Eric Potter stated that Mr. Edwards approached him about what is going to happen with the knowledge of the Town when he passes on. He said there will definitely be a hole in the town. Mr. Potter said that at one time there was a "History Project" involving the Library and Historical Society but that has fizzled out, for many different reasons. He suggested the possibility of reviving the project. Selectman Edwards suggested it would be nice if someone in the town could sit down with Mr. Potter while he tells the stories of Effingham and they could write them down.

Town Administrator reported that the installation of the free standing Library will be installed at the town offices on Saturday, October 31, 2015 for public use.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS: Fire Department

Chief Randy Burbank reported that he went over to Lakes Region Fire to get an update on the fire vehicle. Effingham's vehicle is scheduled second in line to come off the assembly line in February 2016. Membership still stands active at 12 members and all are continuing with their training. Engine 1 still needs to be inspected and engine 2 is due to have its pump test. Chief Burbank asked the Board of Selectman, why he was not notified along with dispatch that Champion Hill Road was closed during reconstruction. Chief Burbank found out it was closed by driving by. He then proceeded with calling dispatch and ambulance service, they were never notified either. Selectman Edwards responded the he will let the Road Contractor know and he will contact Chief Burbank and necessary agencies. Testing will be done on the generators at the school, fire station and town offices.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Selectman Eldridge announced that Effingham Police will be increasing speed patrol starting on November 1st. The Effingham Elementary School will be having their Halloween parade on October 30th @ 1:45pm to the town offices and back to the school. On November 4 there will be a spaghetti dinner at Kingswood High School to benefit the hockey team.

Selectman had the opportunity to speak with Nancy Mayville, DOT Engineer and she let him know that Steve Liakos, Engineer reported to her that after his meeting with the Town of Effingham he had raving comments of positive attitude, extensive knowledge and performance of our Town's Administrator, Claudia Lamphier.

Selectman Eldridge reported he attended the NHDOT 10 Year Road Plan public hearing and the state is putting band aids on the bad roads and keeping up with the good roads. From the hearing he found out that the State is borrowing the funds for the roads.

Stevens Road update: Selectman Eldridge spoke to Cindy (owner) at Stoney Ridge, she will continue with permitting, testing and engineering as per the original contract. Sand and salt is being delivered to the salt shed. Cheryle A. Feirick is handling the water testing at the Transfer Station. Selectman Eldridge reported that Health Officer Henry Spencer reached out to the resident with mold issues and gave them info at the state level to contact.

Selectman Edwards stated after reviewing previous invoices from Evan's Bros., Selectman Edwards had mentioned his concerns on their billing system. Selectman Edwards expressed his concerns of power use at salt shed for vehicles used by the winter contractor on Effingham roads. Selectman Edwards commented about Selectman Eldridge contacting Cindy at Stoney Ridge and State DOT as an individual board member. Selectman Eldridge explained that as Board Chair he has the responsibility to keep the board and town's people informed by sharing this information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road paving on Champion Hill road will take place on November 2nd. The Budget Committee's first meeting is tonight after the Selectmen's meeting. Re-construction on Granite Road will begin on the afternoon of November 2nd. The Road Contractor was instructed to do as much work, staying within the \$46,000.00 allocated. Motion was put forward by Selectman Eldridge to make the road maintenance multi-year plan into a long term plan. Selectman Edwards would like to put this on hold so he has more time to review the plan. Snow removal RFP is being worked on and more information will be provided for the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Eldridge stated the Town's liability insurance carrier is aware of the town's 6-ton bridge rating. He said if it comes down to a life or death emergency go over the bridge, otherwise do not travel over the 6-ton weight limit. Selectman Eldridge instructed the town's fire chief to let mutual aid know about weight restrictions. Questions came up about weight limit on Snow Road Bridge, because there are a few different bridge weight signs posted. Selectman Eldridge stated there will be review of the state report and the town's people will be notified of the exact weight limit.

Resident Michael Cahalane asked if the final coat of asphalt was done. Selectman Eldridge stated yes the base and final coat were completed. Further talk took place on the difference of sand sealing and chip sealing. Chip sealing is more expensive than sand sealing.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. E. Bergeron, Engineering will be coming out to meet with the Board of Selectmen, to do a site inspection of all bridges on November 4, 2015 @ 9am.

Further discussion will take place with Road Contractor about specifics on the cost for reconstruction on Green Mountain Road for 2016.

Temporary turn around for plow trucks on Granite Road (Nutter side). Selectman Eldridge spoke to Assessing Clerk Gwen English research to identify property owner near the bridge. Correspondence will be sent from the Selectmen's office to the property owner requesting permission for snow plow tuck turnaround.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Cahalane asked what the town could do to prolong the longevity of the bridges. Removing the excessive sand off the decking would be a good start.

NON-PUBLIC: Tax Property

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Roll call vote to go into Non-Public @ 6:40pm

Discussion: concerns with taxed deeded and repurchase property status.

Non-public ended at 7:00pm

Adjourned @ 7:04pm

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Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards