

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 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. Bertogli, a landowner on Green Mountain Road, inquired about receiving a waiver to have trucks deliver necessary building components to his property, prior to the removal of the maximum road weight restrictions. Selectman Eldridge said he would check with DOT and try to coordinate issuing a waiver that would not conflict with DOT road restrictions.

Sheila and Erik Jones told the Board that their neighbors are still parking in the roadway. They also reminded the Board that they have a large rock protruding from the road in front of their home on Stillings Lane.

Mr. Potter reported that a long time resident has been hospitalized and he requested prayers on her behalf.

Tom Thompson recounted specifics of some road repairs done to Simon Hill Road over the weekend which improved travel conditions greatly.

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

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer reported that the plumber is scheduled to work at the transfer station on Wednesday and complete work on the sink in the kitchen of the municipal building. Chief Burbank needs the plumber to inspect the underground septic pipes at the fire station also.

There is an upcoming meeting of the Mutual Aid Association. Fire Chief Burbank and other department personnel will be attending.

The meeting of the towns who have collectively entered into a mutual ambulance contract, referred to as the "compact" towns has been scheduled for April 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Neighboring towns such as Effingham have been invited to attend as well. Regionalizing ambulance service is being discussed, to see if that is a reasonable way to contain the escalating cost of emergency medical service.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of April 8th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Most old topics reported in planned discussion section.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge reported that a group of students on the robotic team of the GWRSD, has won competitions at the local and regional level and now won the New England competition.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Mark Lucy of White Mountain Survey attended the meeting to discuss putting together an RFP for paving Town House Road. He reviewed the Boards intentions so he can add specifics on things such as timeframe, crack sealing prior to paving, DOT requirements and narrowing the selection of bidders.

Bill Piekut came in to review information he has compiled to construct a salt shed at the site of the present one being used. He recommended a steel arched building with an 8 foot “pony wall” and an asphalt floor. The Board was somewhat skeptical about his recommendation to have the building 40 feet wide. Mr. Piekut had concluded that the width of 40 feet would best accommodate the equipment which is needed.

Rebecca Boyden, the Zoning Enforcement Officer is doing follow up work on campgrounds and junkyards. There was also discussion about the process of receiving a building permit and other considerations regarding issuance of building permits, most specifically when a property is located in the Historic District.

Ron Evans was in for a monthly update meeting. The need to replace the culvert on Wilkinson Swamp Road to remedy a washout was discussed, as were other washed out areas throughout town. Some of the drier roads have been graded.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman