

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2015

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge (absent)
Lawrence Edwards

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 Tom Thompson gave a thumbs-up to the road contractor for the sanding of Simon Hill Road during the most recent storm which developed into further discussion regarding sanding during storms. It was mentioned by other residents that it is impossible for the road contractor to be on all the roads at the same time. Resident Chris Seamans acknowledged if residents of Effingham expect more from the road contractor it will likely drive the cost up. He also noted commonsense and good judgment should be used by residents during extreme weather conditions. Chris asked the Selectmen if they would consider writing a letter to the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding the closing of the Ossipee salt shed. He believes the closing of the shed is a hindrance in the state's ability to treat state roads in a timely manner since greater distances must be traveled for sand and salt pick up.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank reminded everyone of the upcoming Joint Loss Management Committee meeting to be held on January 27, 2015 at 4:00pm at the Municipal Office Building. He also discussed with the Board changing the light fixtures at the fire station to energy efficient lighting.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire and rescue report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Henry Spencer announced that as of today Camp Marist had not submitted the necessary paperwork evidencing their qualification for tax exempt status as a charitable organization. Some general discussion ensued.

Selectman Spencer reported all communities involved in the six town compact for ambulance service were in agreement on the terms of the pending contract. Effingham will pay the same as our current cost for the first year of the contract with significant decreases during the remaining five years depending on the outcome of town meeting for each respective community.

Selectman Edwards noted the dirt roads could use further sanding due to the snow melt and refreezing.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of January 13th, the weekly manifest and the minutes of the January 13th Public Hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer noted the cost for the forestry truck tank on this week's manifest. He will contact Fire Warden Thompson to find out if the tank was delivered. He also noted the property on Wilkinson Swamp Road has been vacated and mentioned the town has plans in place to clean up the property. A thank you letter was sent to the Carroll County Sheriffs Office for their back up service and generous donation of equipment to the Effingham Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer noted that tonight at 7:00 pm the selectmen, land use board members and zoning officer will meet to work on a flow chart. The flow chart would serve as an aid to the public when negotiating land use issues within the town. Some general discussion ensued.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Under general discussion was the possibility of establishing a flow chart or check list to make it easier for members of the public to negotiate land use issues in the Town of Effingham.

The following was agreed upon by those present: each board or commission will be presented with a request to establish a checklist. Upon completion of the checklists the boards will meet again to review, correct and consolidate each board or commissions responsibilities and processes. Also to be reviewed are the checklists and charts currently available through the zoning enforcement office.

An informational sheet will be created stating the meeting times and contact information for all boards and commissions. A checklist will be established to ensure applicants have considered which zoning district their lot is in and whether or not any state or federal regulations apply to the lot in question.

Members of the public were allowed to speak with particular input from resident Chris Seamans.

No date for the next meeting was set.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman