

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

December 23, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
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

Fire Chief Randy Burbank reported back to the Board after his review of the call volume report. A few discrepancies were found. Chief Burbank also presented the Board with a warrant article for the town warrant asking voters to allow for the purchase of a multipurpose vehicle from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Resident Tom Thompson called to the attention of the Board the most recent article in the Carroll County Independent regarding Lakeview.

Resident Mike Cahalane asked the Board if the road report was finalized. Selectmen advised they would be reviewing the road budget and planning road work during planned discussion.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Eldridge reported he spoke with Fire Warden Richard Thompson regarding his term as Fire Warden. Warden Thompson reported his appointment as Fire Warden does not expire until December 31, 2015 and he has no plans of retiring from this position.

Selectman Spencer received phone calls regarding mailboxes that were knocked over by the plow trucks during the last storm.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of December 16th.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer asked that the Board finalize the job description for the cemetery custodian position. He also reviewed the schedule for implementing the necessary changes as required by the Department of Labor report. He will work on rescheduling with the representative from All State Asphalt after the holidays. He reminded the board of the need to schedule a public hearing to amend building permit fees. The board decided to hold the hearing on January 6th, 2015 at 7:00pm. Henry asked his fellow board members to consider purchasing a kerosene heater for the

attendance shed at the transfer station to prevent pipes from freezing in the event of a power outage and extreme cold temperatures. Selectman Edwards thought a propane heater would better suit the situation. Selectmen will review and consider their options.

Selectman Edwards asked if the exterior lights at the library were operational yet. Selectman Spencer reported the lights are not operational but library trustees are in the process of reviewing the electrical needs at the library and will follow up with the Selectman. Lawrence also reported he would pick up a drum for salt and sand at the Municipal office Building and will get an estimate for chain fencing at Woodland Cemetery.

Selectman Eldridge noted letters were sent to the land use boards regarding the Selectmen's request for a meeting on January 20th, 2015 at 7:00pm to work on a flow chart that would assist applicants in applying to the appropriate land use board. He also reported the contract with North Conway Humane Society was signed and returned. GPS mapping for the cemeteries throughout town needs to be completed and review of online registrations for Town Clerk Office should be looked at in the upcoming year. He also inquired on the status of the Veteran's Plaque at the Elm Street Bridge. Eric Jones reported they are still trying to determine the original wording and Richard Thompson might have a photo of the plaque and will be looking through some old photos. Discussion of the U.N.H. road maintenance report was raised, board members agreed while the concept was good the figures were way off. He resurrected discussion about moving the Veterans Memorial at Lords Hill to the Town Hall/Library where the Revolutionary and WW1 Memorials are located. Repairs to the pavement of the Library parking lot and Municipal Building walkway should be reviewed during the Selectmen's budget process along with steps for the compactors. Tim would also like to work on a culvert policy and best management practices.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen voted unanimously to carry over the following amounts:

\$39,182.03 contracted services of Avitar Associates Inc.

\$2,000.00 matching grant fund for forestry skid tank

\$5,730.00 contracted services for auditing

Selectman Spencer reported Camp Marist is unwilling to provide proof of their qualification as a charitable non-profit organization as required by RSA 72:23, VI. The board is unable to make a determination without the appropriate documentation. Henry also noted the Selectmen had a brief discussion on the matter with the budget committee.

Selectman Eldridge announced Bridgett Edwards was elected by school board members to fill the vacancy left by Diane Carlson.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the road budget, roadwork for 2015 and long range planning for roadwork.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Chairman

Date: _____

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman