

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

September 8, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edward

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryle A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Selectman Eldridge moved that the Board go into non-public for a personnel matter with the Police Department, Selectman Spencer seconded-vote was taken, all in favor.

Motion was made to end non-public, seconded and voted all in favor at 5:20pm

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 September 1, 2015 and weekly manifest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emelyn Albert, Chairman of The Effingham Conservation Commission spoke on the recent discovery of milfoil. The milfoil was discovered by a diver from **New England Milfoil** out of Brownfield, ME. The one-acre area of milfoil was located in 3-5 water acres size cove that abuts Freedom, milfoil is only located in Effingham. Milfoil was never detected in this area prior. The area is large enough to treat with chemical by DES but the time frame is 3-weeks out. New England Milfoil can do pulling of the milfoil

and it would take 1 week to complete and can be schedule after the next ECC meeting. The cost of \$4200.00 is in the milfoil removal budget. This recent milfoil discovery will be discussed and voted on at the next ECC meeting scheduled for September 14.

Ms. Albert also asked for a clarification of fire burning permits being available online. Selectman Eldridge stated that Dick Thompson, Town Fire Warden would be the one to update further on the availability. Due to a hiccup in the State's software the Town of Effingham is not able to do this as of yet.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION:**

The Board met with the Highway Contractor for his monthly report. Bob Battles reported that this month has been quiet, not much has been done. Due to the tight road budget all future items must to be run by the Board of Selectmen prior to going. Clough Road has been graded. Bonnyman, Clough and Simon Hill Road culverts have been blown out. Prep work on Pine River Road and Champion Hill has been started. Announcement was made that Dig N Doze now has a new highway department line that residents can call with road concerns.

Selectman Spencer asked for clarification as to why \$120.00 for 3 hours is being spent weekly to drive around and do road inspections, when the budget is so tight. Selectman Eldridge informed the Board that this cost is written in the contract. Selectman Spencer stated that it would make more sense to reduce this to once every two weeks. Selectman Spencer asked during these drives what specifically is being inspected. Bob Battles responded that they are looking for erosion, potholes, rising water and dead animals. Resident Barbara Thompson from Simon Hill asked why the road contractor is picking up dead animals. Selectman Eldridge stated it is in the contract. Resident G. Thompson spoke out and said we have an animal control officer that should be doing that. Selectman Spencer clarified that we have a Dog Officer NOT Animal Control Officer.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Selectman Spencer reported that he has been working on acquiring information for a much needed snow blower for the transfer station. The prices range from \$599.00 up to \$799.00 for a 2-stage gas, 24 inch wide snow blower. He wanted to check pricing from the John Deere store in Ossipee because it is close to Effingham for repairs. Selectman Spencer will proceed with purchasing a snow blower. Selectman Spencer asked what the plan was for the Library parking lot. Selectman Eldridge responded that there is no plan and that we need proposals before finalizing the plan. Selectman Spencer will go ahead and contact contractors for proposals.

Selectman Edwards asked for an update on Camp Marist. Selectman Eldridge responded that they have received their tax bill; the town has not received payment. The two parties Attorney's have been in touch with each other on this matter. Selectman Edwards asked if the Town has received the signage for the salt shed. He was told that they have been delivered to the Selectmen's office.

Selectman Eldridge reminded all in attendance that the civic nomination selections are due on Friday, September 11 and the ceremony will be held on October 15 at the Effingham Elementary School at

7:00pm. Deposit on the fence around the transfer station has been sent and 125Fencing will notify the Selectmen's office one-week before they are to come out. Mark Bussiere has marked out where the fence enclosure is to be installed. Property abutters on Rumney Hill Road will be receiving letter from the Selectmen's office regarding the mobile home that is sitting in the middle.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Selectman Edwards, Selectman Spencer and the Town's Administrator met with the Engineer on September 9<sup>th</sup> about the closed Granite Road Bridge. Each of them had different questions and concerns with getting the bridge up to safe standard. This will be an ongoing matter with many options being considered. There will be many departments from the state involved in replacing the bridge. Selectman Eldridge stated that the Stevens Road Bridge is on hold until next Town meeting. Selectman Edwards mentioned that the delineation work has been started and he will notify Cindy to discontinue and also to hold on filing any permits. Paving schedule for Pine River Road and Champion Hill Road is being coordinated with the Highway Contractor and Lakes Region Paving. Crack sealing has been completed on Old Pound Road and Corner Road. A second pallet of material has been ordered to sealing Town House Road and possibly Bailey Road if there is enough left. Selectman Edwards will be walking Granite Road with Vaughn English to identify trees that need to be removed around electrical wires before reconstruction can begin. Selectman Edwards will reach out to his design friend regarding well and septic possibilities on Town owned property on School Street.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Waste Soil Waiver was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Linda Edwards mentioned that the pile of material on Plantation Road left by previous road contractor needs to be removed. It is sitting on private property over by Leeann Leonard's home.

Bob Battles, road contractor mentioned that Ossipee Aggregates is willing to take the material that is being removed on Pine Rive Road and Champion Hill Road at no additional cost to the town. It only makes sense for Dig N Doze to go Ossipee Aggregates with a full truck when going to pick up new material to be used on these roads.

Resident Sheila Jones stated trees southbound on route 153 at intersection of Old Pound Road should be cut back, over grown trees are causing an obstruction of view. She reports a dangerous situation @ the intersection because of the way cars are parked, that are dropping off /picking up children are blocking the view and parking on both sides of the street at the corner. This is happening more often at the afternoon pickup. Selectmen will notify the Police Chief to have the department check it out.

#### **NON-PUBLIC –**

Police Department completed at the beginning of the meeting

Tax deeded property –all set

#### **WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Discussed road planning issues

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

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Timothy Eldridge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Spencer

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Lawrence Edwards