

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge
Lawrence Edwards
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature and Action Folder were reviewed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST:

The Board approved the minutes of November 17, 2015 and weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tom Hart asked the Selectmen for an update on Lakeview. Selectman Spencer commented, Effingham has had no communication with Lakeview to date. Selectmen Eldridge reported, the Board will send a letter to Lakeview Corporate Office asking that a representative attend a Selectmen's Meeting too discuss any changes planned for the facility. The letter will also point out the Planning Board should be consulted in the event changes at the facility may be impacted by the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The Board will also contact the town's attorney to review what zoning requirements the company may have to meet. Resident Tim Murphy expressed his concern that if the facility does reopen to treat drug addiction it could bring an element to the area that might impact public safety. Resident Bill Piekut also spoke to the matter adding, we have to face the fact there is a heroine epidemic and our area is affected by it. Treatment facilities are needed. Selectmen noted they want to ensure the changes at the facility comply with both state and local regulations and ordinances.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report.

PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS- 4th Tuesday-Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Burbank reported, the department conducted a fire-life safety inspection at Ryefield Apartments and is waiting to hear from PK Motel for an appointment. All necessary repair work has been completed on engine one. The multi-purpose truck construction is on schedule and due to roll off the assembly line in February. The department is averaging 8 to 10 people in attendance at trainings.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer reported, Dig & Doze will finish the shouldering on Champion Hill Road this week along with road grading. Selectman Spencer will look into removing the gravel left behind on Snow Road after completion of a logging operation. Henry reported on the School Street pavement break and found

the broken pavement is not part of School Street but part of the private access road used by the resident(s).

Selectman Edwards reported, N. H. Dept. of Transportation was not responsible for the fences down at the Barker Cemetery but D.O.T. did put up posts to mark the location of the cemetery. Lawrence ordered culverts for Granite Road and will contact the Dept of Environmental Services with some questions he has regarding permitting requirements for installation of the culverts.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge reported, in order to obtain quotes for the 2016 road paving and reconstruction budget, he met with F.R. Carroll and Dig & Doze to review work to be done on Green Mountain Road. He also announced Pine River Landscaping submitted the only proposal in response to the towns request for a two year contract for winter grounds snow removal. Pine River Landscaping proposed the following: Year one: \$6750; Year two: \$6950. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal and award the contract to Pine River Landscaping.

Selectmen discussed the hot water heater at the transfer station. Selectman Spencer noted, due to high mineral deposits in the water at the transfer station, an on demand system would not be practical and recommends installing the smallest electrical tank possible. The Board agreed and the plumber will be contacted to install the same.

Selectmen Eldridge raised discussion on the panic alarm system quote from Knight Security Company for the Municipal Offices. The board voted unanimously to accept the quote and have the system installed.

Also raised for discussion; installing a temporary structure over the fuel tanks at the Library to prevent damage from falling ice. The board discussed the possibility of moving the tanks away from the building in the future however, it seems prudent to protect them from damage in the mean time. Selectmen voted unanimously to construct a shed style structure around the tanks and set a limit of \$600 (six hundred dollars) for the cost to construct. Randy Burbank was asked and agreed to do the work.

The Board discussed the proposal from Bergeron Technical Services regarding the library foundation drainage system. Selectmen Spencer would like to move forward with the design plan for the parking lot and drainage around the building. Selectmen Edwards asked for clarification on further work to be done to the parking lot stating the architectural plans from Christopher Williams Associates depicts drainage around the building. Selectmen Eldridge and Spencer went on to explain while the architects plan shows the drainage it did not address the pitch of the parking lot and was not part of the work to be done through the L-Chip Grant. The board voted unanimously to accept the proposal from Bergeron Technical Services of \$1500 (fifteen hundred dollars) to draft plans for the drainage around the building and parking lot design.

NEW BUSINESS:

At 4:45pm the Selectmen met with Forest Fire Warden Richard Thompson to review the Forestry Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Mike Cahalane brought up the matter of the trailer on Rumney Hill Road. Mike suggested the location of the road might be determined but using information from the survey of an abutting lot.

Resident Dave Strauss recommended the Board pursue retaining the services of a grant writer and grant funding to help offset the cost of future improvements to the building and parking lot at the library.

The Board agreed to review grant funding once they know the extent of the work to be done. Mr. Strauss asked if a final cost was available for correcting the silt cut outs on the Molly Philbrick property.

Selectman Eldridge said the Board did not have the final cost yet. The remainder of the work will be done in the Spring.

NON-PUBLIC: At 6:38 pm the Board voted unanimously to enter into non-public on a pending legal matter and maintaining an open line of communication between the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning Board.

Non-Public ended at 7: 03 pm

WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Date:_____