

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge
Henry Spencer
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.

Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the minutes of April 7th and the weekly manifest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Cauble asked if the Board would look into what can be done about a property near his home, with a dwelling that is badly deteriorated and abandoned. He feels it is a safety risk and the owners should be required to keep it in reasonably maintained condition.

Bill Piekut reported that the STOP sign at the end of Elm Street is still missing. He also noted that the "Library" sign at that intersection has fallen down.

Mike Cahalane noted that after a recent Selectmen's meeting discussion, he went over to see the damage reported to have been done to the salt shed. It was his opinion that the damage was minor and that Selectman Edwards inappropriately reported it to sound more serious than it was. He also asked for clarification about the statute being referred to in another discussion regarding storage of materials on Town land.

Maureen Spencer reported that the "Just Desserts" benefit event held in support of Mountain View Nursing Home, was well attended and considered a success. She noted that Effingham was very well represented at the function and thanked all who helped out or attended. She also inquired about the Board seeming to be using a more formal format as an agenda. The Board has been trying to adapt to a formal agenda and is using one for internal use at this time. Selectmen expect to adopt this formal agenda when all members of the Board are more accustomed to the process.

Chris Seamans noted that the cardboard signs used for posting of weight limits and frost heaves

do not hold up well and he suggested the Board look into signs that could be reused.

At 5:30 pm the Board recessed the meeting to consult with the Town's council. They returned to formal session at 6:50.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Selectman Spencer will be attending a Preservation Alliance meeting on Friday.

Selectman Edwards requested that cemetery issues be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted that on Tuesday, April 28th there will not be a Selectman's meeting. There will not be a quorum.

Selectman Eldridge has looked into what vehicles are exempt from the weight limit restriction when roads are posted. He has found that Waste Management or other overweight waste disposal vehicles are not exempt unless there is a policy in place to declare them exempt.

Selectmen will be discussing crack sealing with Bruce Davis some time later in the week.

Selectman Spencer noted that two metal boxes which are mounted to a pole at the salt shed have been smashed. He does not know if the boxes have a purpose. Also he asked if anyone knew who placed a storage container at the salt shed. Selectman Eldridge reminded him that they told the road contractor he could move a container onto the property for storage purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

The revised "Rules of Order" and "Personnel Policy" are being reviewed by Town council.

A request for proposals will be published for a two year roadside mowing contract. The deadline for submission of proposals will be Tuesday, May 26th at 2:00 pm.

Dick Thompson will be requested to attend the first meeting in May to discuss the appointment of a Fire Warden, Deputies and campfire permit issuing agents.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen met with a representative of DES to discuss what permits/surveys/applications were necessary prior to starting the reconstruction of the Stevens Road bridge.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector has been asked to check into what is entailed in taking credit cards for payment of motor vehicle and property tax transactions.

Selectmen will be looking at the possibility of creating a maintenance position for jobs now performed by contractors, such as snow shoveling and grounds landscaping.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

none

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Timothy Eldridge, Chairman

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Lawrence Edwards, Selectman

Date: _____