

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
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.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**At the onset of the meeting, Selectman Spencer, Chairman of the Board, announced that the Marist Brothers of New Hampshire has retained counsel to represent them in the negotiation of any future agreement between their organization and the Town of Effingham. After their attorney contacted Effingham's Town attorney, it was agreed that no further discussion would take place in public session at this time, pertaining to any future agreement, at the request of the Marist Brothers. But due to that position, only one Selectman may work as a liaison between the parties as an interim solution in obtaining necessary documentation. The Board voted for Selectman Eldridge to be their representative.**

Linda Edwards presented the Board with a multi page signed petition regarding retaining the camper scholarship program with Camp Marist in any future agreements with Marist Brothers of New Hampshire. She asked Board members to look closely at the names of the people who signed the petition. Mrs. Edwards also noted that the minutes posted on the Town's website are not current and said she would like to see the Selectmen's meetings broadcasted on local television. She volunteered to speak with people involved in that process to facilitate broadcasting the meetings.

Several community members spoke on behalf of retaining the Camp Marist scholarship program. Mr. Potter advised all to understand that legal negotiations generally produce documents that are the result of attorney and court decisions, not those of individual or group consensus. Questions were also presented about a social media policy, the qualifications of Mr. Cahalane to assist in the oversight of the ongoing salt shed project and why someone other than a Board member was retained for that reason. Ms. Seamans voiced her concern that Selectman Edwards seems to be unheard by his fellow Board members. She also requested the Board consider advising townspeople of upcoming discussions of importance so more input could be derived from the public. There was some discussion about how that could be accomplished. Ms. Spencer wanted it announced that Ms. Seamans was recording the meeting.

Edith Sharp reported that someone drove into her garage door in the deep of night. She asked that all keep an eye out for someone who may have done this.

Fire Warden, Dick Thompson reported that he has submitted a grant application for a skid tank. He gave the Board a copy of the application. On Wednesday, the Fire Warden, the area Forest Ranger and the Effingham Fire Department are meeting at Station 2. Some or all Selectmen plan to attend that meeting also. The Board inquired about permitting for the transfer station to burn brush. Warden Thompson assured them that all proper permits were in order for that purpose.

Mike Cahalane asked the Board to address some of his concerns regarding discrepancies in the written plans for the salt shed project.

Jon Burbank gave his weekly report on Fire/Rescue calls.

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

Several issues and complaints will be discussed with the road contractor later this evening in his planned monthly update meeting.

The old salt shed has been demolished.

The new septic system will be installed at the transfer station this week.

The kitchen sink at the municipal building is fully functional again.

The floors of the municipal building will be stripped and waxed over the weekend.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the Minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectmen attended the most recent meeting of the ad hoc committee formed to research options for regional ambulance service. In that effort, a sample request for proposal and sample contract were presented all involved Select Boards for advised revisions.

Selectman Eldridge will be reviewing Town surveys and submit some to the Board next week. He also reminded the Board that he will be coordinating a get together of volunteers working on the Town's Boards and Committees, as an informal social gathering. This is being planned as a thank you to all residents that serve in these capacities.

The Planning Board is starting work on a Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted that some members of this Board will attend a workshop on this subject sponsored by UNH.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A letter will be written in support of having the Federal Government continue to offer unused combat equipment to States.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Ron Evans came in to discuss road issues with the Board. A new culvert has been placed and the abutting homeowner is upset about water being diverted to her property. Water run off into Pine River was discussed. A new culvert on Hutchins Pond road was discussed. A complaint was lodged by a resident on Plantation Road who was in attendance. There is a ditch at the end of her driveway. Selectmen Edwards explained that this is happening due to the crowning of the road. She reported that she had water pooling at the end of the driveway prior to the crown work being done and does not have that water problem now. Trees need to be cut on Granite Road at South River to alleviate the obstructions in the sight of travel.

Selectmen reviewed the documentation they were presented regarding ambulance services. They compared the current contract with the one being proposed.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman

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Lawrence Edwards, Selectman