

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Levesque representing a local chapter of the VFW reported they are working with other organizations in Town on the restoration of the Veteran's Memorial at Lord's Hill. They wish to help with the restoration of the physical structure as well as updating the memorial with Veterans' names of more recent conflicts. Al asked the Board if they made a decision on the replacement of signs at the Elm Street Bridge which was formerly dedicated as the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. The Board voted unanimously to proceed with allowing the VFW to reinstate the Veteran's Memorial Plaque at the Elm Street Bridge.

Erik Jones reported to the Board the Historic District Commission opted out of assisting the VFW with recommendations for names of veterans to be listed on the Veterans Honor Roll at Lords Hill. The members had concerns about working outside the scope of the commissions responsibilities.

Mike Cahalane reported on his discussion with a representative of State of N.H. Department of Transportation regarding the condition of the pavement that was laid during the second phase of Town House Road reconstruction. Selectman Spencer shared the findings of the engineer hired to review the matter for the town. Selectman Eldridge thanked Mr. Cahalane for looking into the matter and for the information he provided.

Brian Roberts of Hobbs Road attended the meeting to report his dog had been hit by a car on Hobb's Road. Mr. Roberts explained to the Board residents are noticing an increase in the amount of cars traveling Hobbs Road. He believes motorists using GPS are sent down the road as a thruway which becomes Class VI and almost impassable. After some discussion the Board agreed to order and post a "Not a Thru Road" sign and a "Dead End" sign at the beginning of the road.

Edith Sharp announced the Preservation Society will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Grange from 9am to 1pm. On the menu are pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. The cost is \$6.00

Resident Dawn Collins asked the Board for an extension on her payment agreement. She discussed a payment schedule with the Board. She was asked to return August 20th at 5pm for further discussion on the matter.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Eldridge reported he spoke with the road contractor about the need for two flaggers on Town House Road during the reconstruction process. The road contractor agreed to comply.

Selectmen Spencer announced that Russ Lanoie a dirt road specialist is willing to consult with the Board on the dirt roads in town.

Selectman Swanick reported the Board is in a position to begin working on the Permit Modification Application for the anticipated upgrades at the Transfer Station. The application will be submitted for preliminary review by the Department of Environmental Services. The Board agreed to conduct a work session for this purpose on Tuesday, August 20th following their regular meeting

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of August 6th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The road contractor spoke with F.R. Carroll regarding Town House Road the offsets will be set this week and the pavement grinding will take place during the latter part of next week. Paving is scheduled for September 12th. This will give Ron’s crew a two week window to complete the gravel work.

Selectman Swanick noted the Library’s Energy Audit should be completed soon. The auditor had to revisit the Library to gather more information and take some measurements.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer acquired copies of Delinquent Property Tax Payment Agreement Contracts used by other communities which the Board will review at their work session next week.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman