

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 that 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 also requested that signs be placed 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 on 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 were not comfortable in 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 with Mr. Cahalane. Selectman Eldridge thanked Mr. Cahalane for looking into the matter and for the information he provided.

Brian Roberst of Hobbs Road attended the meeting. His dog was hit by a car on Hobb's Road. Mr. Roberts spoke with the Board regarding the increasing amount of traffic on Hobbs Road and motorists using GPS are sent down the road which becomes Class VI and almost impassable. After some discussion the Board agreed to order and place a "Not a Thru Road" sign and a "Dead End" sign.

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

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Swanick reported to the Board now that the final plans for the changes at the Transfer Station are coming together the Board is in a position to prepare the Permit Modification Application to the Department of Environmental Services for preliminary approval. 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

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge noted that the bridge on School Street should have railings.

Selectman Eldridge has completed a timeline for budgeting. This year the procedure for submitting budgets will be changed. Each committee, board or department will make an appointment to meet with Selectmen to submit budgets. Notices will be sent by August 27th. He noted that he would like Selectmen to start discussion soon on large scale expenditures for the 2014 budget.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Chief Butts was in for his monthly update meeting. He had an incident last week which demonstrated the need for officers to have ballistic shields. The Chief will be looking for grant funding available for these shields, noting that the cost is \$2000-\$3000 each. He has been patrolling areas in Town where people have reported there have been continual speeding offenses. He has not found that to be the case, although he will continue to monitor those areas. He asked all Town personnel to be vigilant in watching for out of the ordinary actions and activity. Several incidents throughout the country have highlighted that rural areas are not removed from the types of impulsive brutal violence that are reported daily on the news.

Selectmen reviewed the recently received road inventory done by the T2 Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman