

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
Theresa Swanick (absent)

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Police Chief Butts thanked Selectman Spencer for adding to his newspaper article that dog licensing is overdue and the Chief is hand delivering notices prior to assessing fines.

Erik Jones noted that he feels the STOP sign on Corner Road is much more visible now that it has been moved. He reported that Stillings Lane has not been mowed by the mowing contractor. He also voiced concern about how the Board plans to address the fact that the warrant article allowing the Selectmen to appoint a fire chief was amended to state a term of 3 years.

Mr. Potter reported that the roadside mowing contractor was working on a Sunday and due to mechanical failure there was a great deal of noise. He noted that some may object to such a noisy operation taking place on a Sunday. Also, Mr. Potter voiced his concern about poor traffic control at sites where the road contractor is working. This is not the first time this inadequacy has been the topic of discussion at Selectmen's meetings.

Edith Sharp reported that a lightning strike has blown out many of her electrical outlets.

Fire Chief Burbank has some unanticipated vehicle and equipment maintenance work to be done before the end of the year and has money left in his budget to do them. He asked if the Board would approve of the expenditure despite the fact that he had not disclosed these repairs when budgeting last year. The Board assured Randy that he most certainly should not wait to do maintenance repairs.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on Fire Department calls.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

The paving of phase III of the reconstruction of Town House Road is scheduled to take place this week. Soon thereafter, a surface coat will be applied to phase II and phase III.

On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Effingham Elementary School is holding an open house to

celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the School's opening. Selectmen will be attending the commemoration of this important milestone.

The Budget Committee will be holding their first meeting of the budgeting season next week. They will be electing officers.

The Safety Committee will me meeting next Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of September 3rd. They also approved the weekly manifest of August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The August 27th weekly manifest was not available for review last week due to computer failure caused by a lightning strike.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The transfer station septic plan has been approved by DES. Selectman Spencer will be coordinating the construction of the septic system and drilling the well.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Eldridge has secured a sample RFP for ambulance service. He and Selectmen Spencer will be working with this as a template for creating one for Effingham at a work session this evening. The current EMS contract will expire in December of this year.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

The road contractor was unable to meet with Selectmen for the monthly update.

The formal meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm and Selectmen immediately started working on the EMS RFP, a protocol for handling the deeding of Town owned properties, and how they will move forward with crack sealing roads. The work session ended at 7:30 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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