

Town of Effingham
Board of Selectmen

May 12, 2015

Selectmen Present:

Timothy Eldridge

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by Ann Johnson

1. Call to Order – 5 P. M.
2. Review of : Manifest, Mail, Signature, Action Folder
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Acceptance of : Minutes of: May 5, 2015
Weekly Manifest

Lawrence Edwards was concerned that the minutes should have said Molly Philbrick Road not Wilkinson Swamp Road. Tim Eldridge made a motion to change it and Henry Spencer seconded.

5. Public Comment Begins: Timothy Eldridge read the Meeting Rules.
Maureen – Old Pound Rd. – She wanted to remind everyone that the EES Art Project is now hanging in the Library.
Lee Spiller - mentioned concern for the water level as Ossipee River is too low for this time of year. Tim Eldridge said the lake is low as well. There was a mistake made at the dam but is now set for correct level.
Resident – 162 School St. – Questioning about the house on the river on route 153. Tim Eldridge said a letter has been sent to owner.
Resident – 88 Stevens Rd. - Commended Fire Dept. for their quick response. Did excellent job.
Resident – Fire Dept. did excellent job. Above and beyond. Police Dept. did a great job as well.
Tim Murphy – Mt. Rd. – brought up issue of lot line issues at town cemetery. He said he has offered to help before. Henry Spencer he will pass it along

that someone has shown interest in cemetery custodian position. Lawrence said Mr. Espie is working on pathways and stakes will be down before Memorial Day.

Shelia Jones – Stilling's Lane – Iron Works road has been swept but not Stilling's Lane. Tim Eldridge said they are not finished as they still had to do School Street.

Scott Leonard – Plantation Road is mint. Very nicely done.

Tim Murphy – Ask why it took so long to grade roads. Suggested a schedule for when work needs to be done.

New Business – Tim Eldridge said last week they opened bid for fire truck. Gave to Randy to look over. Only one bid was received. Lawrence Edwards asked who bids were sent to and how many. Tim Eldridge said Claudia sent five and she has the list. Tim Eldridge made a motion to enter into a contract to purchase the mini pumper for \$232,000, Henry Spencer seconded. Passed. The representative from the company gave the selectmen the contract for signatures.

Selectmen's Comments and Reports:

Lawrence Edwards picked up power washer. Henry ask the cost and Lawrence replied \$249.00.

Henry Spencer asked about removing the pavement around the library and will see what the charge would be to have it replaced with stone. Henry will see who might be able to do it.

Lawrence Edwards brought up Stevens Road Bridge. Will have proposal by the end of the week. Randy Burbank suggested considering a wide shoulder so trucks can get by when filling up.

Tim Eldridge asked Lawrence if he wanted the Granite Road reconstruction marked out. Lawrence will check into it. Tim also said road specs are out and available.

Tim Eldridge discussed snow removal at municipal building whether to continue with outside vendor or get equipment. Henry Spencer suggested sticking with contractor. Tim Eldridge would like to get some specs for a

contractor to see what needs to be done. Henry Spencer said he got an overall figure from Claudia on what was paid for snow shoveling.

Tim Eldridge discussed removal of the urinals. Bill Piekut said no problem with that. Tim suggested calling several plumbers.

Tim Eldridge said there are three dates the fire warden can meet. The 21st seemed to be the best date.

Tim Eldridge said the Green Mountain Fire Tower is scheduled to be restored. The order has been signed.

Old Business – Tim Eldridge brought up paving projects and would like to decide which ones to do. Henry Spencer needs to hear from Bruce before he makes decision. Tim Eldridge suggested putting on agenda for next week and be prepared to make decision. Also to wait on crack/sealing until next week.

Henry Spencer brought up Mensch property. There was a discussion on possible oil leak in basement and town will be responsible. Tim Eldridge suggested auctioning off just the building. Erick Jones said he would hate to see the oldest building dismantled.

Public Comment – Norma Tavares asked about any comments about Camp from attorneys?

Resident – asked if the town would consider putting in an emergency clause for private contractors to use sand and salt from town shed for private roads in case of ice storms. Tim Eldridge said he is not 100% opposed but after last year need to start fresh. Erick Jones said Wakefield had a similar situation and suggested contacting them.

Leanne Leonard – asked if they would be putting calcium on the roads. Henry Spencer said yes.

Jonathan Burbank gave weekly fire call report. He said there were 9 calls this week.


Ron Evans – said they will be finishing the street sweeping. Also discussed Elm Street bridge. He thinks we need to build a ridge of pavement. Henry Spencer agreed. Henry suggests we run it by the DES.

Tim Eldridge – said Randy Burbank feels it is okay to fill divets after you sweep driveway. Lawrence will stake out Granite Rd. Lawrence Edwards told Ron that they were billed for gravel but it did not say what road, just amount. They will make sure location is on bill.

Norma Tavares – had questions about unpaid taxes. Henry Spence explained process.

Henry Spencer made motion to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:40 PM (T32)

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