

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

September 1, 2015

Selectmen present: Timothy Eldridge  
Lawrence Edwards  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Cheryl A. Feirick

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folder were reviewed.

Pledge of Allegiance

**REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the minutes of August 25, 2015 and weekly manifest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

It was announced that the Carroll County Commissioners are holding a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 10:00am at the Mountain View Community Center regarding the budget shortfall.

Resident Bill Piekut addressed the Board regarding the mobile home in the center of Rumney Hill Road. He referred to the Tax Map that listed all the abandoned junk cars, mobile home and garbage on the property. What is the Town going to do about this? He reminded them that he brought this situation up in the spring. He noted the property owner has made a class 6 road into their own private driveway. Selectman Spencer noted that there is hesitation to go to the property without a police escort. It was mentioned that Sergeant Sacco has already gone up there to speak to the property owners.

Resident Tom Thompson spoke about the increase in seasonal traffic daily of up to 100 cars on Simon Hill Road. He recommended that two reduced speed limit "15mph" signs be installed, one at the Ossipee town line and the other at the Wakefield town line. After the road was graded and we had severe rain storms the road conditions are like a washboard. Selectman Eldridge stated that the speed limit cannot be reduced without having a road study done and that Selectman Edwards will speak to Dig N Doze and have them go out there and assess the conditions for possible re-grading.

Resident Leeann Leonard from Plantation Road asked if the ditching of roads has been completed. Her complaint is that there is water and road material washing into her driveway and lawn. She has concerns that this is affecting her well and septic system. Selectman Eldridge questioned the last time it was graded. Selectman Edwards mumbled an inaudible reply. Leeann asked if the town was to place a culvert under her driveway would this change the direction of water and material. It was stated that installation of a culvert falls on the property owner.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

The Board met with Police Chief Timothy Butts for his monthly report. REMINDER: School is back in session. Watch out for school buses and children. **BE CAUTIOUS!!**

Two clients still remain at Lakeview until the end of this week. There have been some issues with finding placement for these clients. Health and Human Services have been keeping the Police Department in the loop. Traffic is slowing down on roads leading to Highwatch Road and Highwatch Road since there is only a skeleton crew working. Chief Butts stated he was aware there are still fire alarms issues going on. Fire Chief Rand Burbank checked in with Lakeview and was told once all clients are gone there will still be some maintenance staff.

Chief Butts and Sergeant Sacco will be attending a training on "Interview and Interrogation Techniques".

Chief Butts was asked if there are issues with fireworks. He responded there has not. Before Chief Butts left the meeting, he asked if there are any further questions. Selectman Edwards stated that he has a personnel issue regarding. That discussion will take place in a non-public next week.

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

Selectman Eldridge reminded the public of the Civic Awards Ceremony on October 13 @ 7pm at the Effingham School. All nominations are to be in by September 11 to the Selectmen's office. He gave an update on the fencing at the transfer station. He met with "125 Fence" the plan was adjusted. The fencing enclosure was downsized from 40' x 40' to 20' x 20'. All 3 Selectmen voted in favor of the change. The fence company will be contacted to schedule installation.

Selectman Edwards updated the public on town road projects. Paving sections of Pine River Road and Champion Hill will be done in the middle of September. Crack sealing is being done on Old Pound Road, Corner Road and Town House Road. Granite Road reconstruction is on hold until the trees are removed along the electrical wires. Selectman Edwards will be contacting Vaughn English for removal of trees on Grantee Road. He will also follow up to assess the conditions on Simon Hill. Selectman Edwards went out to check on a sand issue on Elm Street that was report by a resident. The resident reported that when sand removal took place on Elm Street, a pile of sand was left in front of his driveway on Trout Run. It was determined that the sand is coming from Trout Run not Elm Street. Selectman Edwards will contact Dig N Doze to have them go out to Green mountain road to pick tree remnants.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Edwards feels that we should be able to get the Granite Road Bridge which was closed per DOT up to safe standards. He has spoken to a retired engineer who is coming out on Wednesday, September 9 @ 12:00pm to look at the bridge. Selectman Edward reported that the north end of the bridge looks good but the west end is bad. Selectman Edwards called a steel company to get information on I-beams. Perhaps an option would be to place new I-beam besides existing I-beams to shore up the bridge.

Discussion took place a about town owned property on School Street. Claudia reminded the Board that Mr. Danley who owns a demolition and rehab company stated that the property would not support a well and septic system. The size of parcel is .4 acres, and abuts up to a brook. . Selectman Edwards said he will contact a friend to see if a well and chamber system would be allowed on the parcel.

Audit Update: Claudia reported that it was scheduled to be finished at the end of August. She has reached out to the firms and has not heard back, she will follow up. DRA is aware that this is an evaluation year.

Town Re-Evaluation Update: Gwen reported that field reviews has been completed by Avitar and that the letters will be going out to property owners in the next couple of weeks. Once a resident receives the letter, they should follow the instructions in of the letter. A hearing is the first step. Gwen was asked if Avitar had evening hours. She suggested once you receive your letter, call the number referenced with any questions, not the Selectmen's office.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued regarding the Administrative Assistant to Town Administrator currently held by Claudia Lamphier. Selectman Eldridge reminded the board that this is only a job title change. After discussion, Selectman Spencer motioned to job title change, Selectman Eldridge seconded. Selectman Edwards was opposed. The majority vote was to accept the job title change from Administrative Assistant to Town Administrator.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Maureen Spencer asked if the School Street property will be going to auction. Selectman Eldridge responded that it was still not decided. He made those present aware that the proceeds wouldn't be enough to cover what was owed or invested on the property.

Reminder: The Library Board of Trustees is looking to hold a community Library grounds cleanup on Sunday, September 20 @ 9:00am. They are looking for volunteers with pick-up trucks to haul brush, helpers and donation of food for the cookout. A new library sign was ordered and it is very large. The Board of Trustees would like this one to replace the one on Route 153 and the smaller one be nailed to the telephone pole at the end of Elm Street.

Resident Bill Piekut brought up the company on television that says "We buy ugly houses." This might be an option for the School Street property. Also, he mentioned that after the Granite Road Bridge is replaced there should be a weight limit enforced. He referred to the DOT bridge report stating that at 8:24 the bridge inspector observed a tri-axle truck was going over the Granite Road Bridge and it should not be used as a through way for trucks.

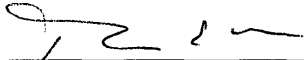
Resident Leanne Leonard asked why there aren't current minutes on the website. Gwen told her that they are current and another resident said that she was on the site today and they are up to August 25, 2015. It was suggested Leanne try it again.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank report that the Moody Road culvert was filled with a lot of sand. He suggested that Dig N Doze bring a machine to clean the culverts, not just one individual employee with a shovel. Selectman Edwards will contact Dig N Doze about bringing a machine. The next scheduled date for culvert cleaning is September 10, 2015.

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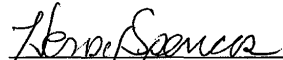
**WEEKLY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Review the Multi-Year Road Maintenance Plan

The Board Adjourned at 7:20pm

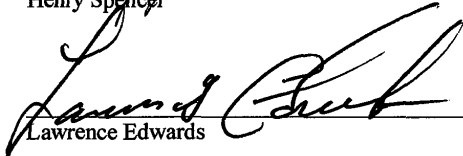


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Timothy Eldridge

Date: Sept. 8, 2015



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