

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Lawrence Edwards

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Buzzell thanked the Board for the new pavement on Elm Street and Town House Road. It was noted that ditching still needs to be done. Edith Sharp agreed with Mrs. Buzzell about the ease of travel on these roads.

Mr. Potter asked if anyone could explain why the wood pellet boiler would be emitting smoke during the summer. No one understood why that would be happening and Selectman Spencer said he will contact the heating contractor to find the answer. Mr. Potter also announced that vacation bible school will be starting soon at the Center Effingham Church.

Erik Jones reported that runoff from Old Pound Road has formed gulleys at the driveway of the parking lot at the Historical Society building.

Sheila Jones reported that Joe Kenney has announced that the fire tower on Green Mountain will be repaired. He did not mention anything about staffing for the tower.

Fire Chief Burbank has marked a location on Wilkinson Swamp Road that has washed out, to advise drivers to not to proceed. It was noted that Nutter and Clough Road are damaged as well. Randy announced that Lakes Region Fire Apparatus is bringing an all purpose fire vehicle to a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

The Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday. The Library is also raffling a 4 season basket.

Maureen Spencer, the general assistance administrator announced she has left informational pamphlets in the public information area, regarding elderly affairs. Mr. Potter recognized her for the work she does to assist those in need.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire/rescue department calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer has spoken to the firm that the Board voted to retain for crack sealing. They noted to him that it would be their option to do the work without flaggers. Selectman Spencer told the firm to discuss that with Chief Butts. The roads being sealed are Old Pound Road, Highwatch Road and Bailey Road. All these roads have been paved in the recent past.

Selectman Edwards reported that while some cold patching has been done, there are many places throughout town that still need to be done.

Selectmen Edwards and Spencer attended the latest meeting of the multi-town ad hoc committee discussing regional ambulance service. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

Selectmen received a note about a truck parked at the corner of Green Mountain Road and Elm Street. Chief Butts has spoken to the owner of the truck. He is parking the truck there because there is no safe place to park it where he lives. The truck has been moving off the road to the extent available as the Chief has asked.

Selectmen received a letter regarding a recent ambulance response. A response will be requested from the EMS provider.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of July 22nd and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The property owners of the home at the corner of route 153 and Town House Road will be contacted by DOT regarding the line of sight deficiency due to an embankment on the property. The representative spoken to at the DOT noted that they have approached the property owner in the past about certain road issues and found them to be non-responsive to requests made.

Selectman Spencer reported that he expects the relocation of the leach field for the septic system at the transfer station will be started by the end of the week.

The demolition of the salt shed is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to accept the \$4,700.00 grant awarded by USDA for library shelving.

Chief Butts attended the meeting to answer some questions regarding the traffic ordinance he presented the Board many weeks ago. After a motion made to adopt the ordinance, it was accepted with a 2 to 1 vote. Selectmen Eldridge and Spencer voted to approve, Selectman Edwards voted against adopting the ordinance.

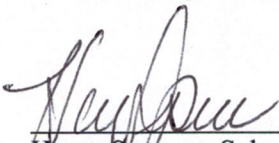
The office staff will be contacting the firm which the town uses to dispose of tires collected at the transfer station, to see if 20" tires will be acceptable to them.

At the advice of town counsel, next week the Board will vote not to renew the agreement with the Marist Brothers of New Hampshire, as it is currently written, regarding payments in lieu of taxation. The current agreement is due to expire at year's end. Officials of the Marist Brothers/Camp Marist will be attending the August 12th meeting to start discussion about a new agreement.

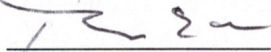
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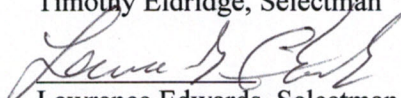
The Board voted to enter into a non-public session at 6:30 pm. The general assistance administrator accompanied a client that is delinquent on property tax. The property owner presented the Board a schedule of payments which was accepted by the Board.

The Board adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Henry Spencer, Selectman

8-5-14
Date


Timothy Eldridge, Selectman


Lawrence Edwards, Selectman