

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Olympio attended to announce her candidacy for State Representative.

Ron Evans was asked to attend to update the Board and attendees of the meeting, on the current status of the Town House Road reconstruction project and a timeline for completion. Ron explained that he had planned on the project being completed long before now, but the firm providing the reclamation of the road was expected on the 15th of September. That process was rescheduled by the vendor until the middle of October. Ron cannot proceed until this process is done. With complaints about the condition of the road made by several people in attendance, Ron agreed to keep the section of gravel road graded on a regular basis for safe travel. Also, the Potter's concern prevails over a stone wall that was reassembled after a tree stump was removed. Selectman Spencer said he will interject in communicating with all parties to come to a conclusion suitable for all.

Kamal Nath attended the meeting to inform the Board that he has volunteered to serve Effingham with the Lakes Region Planning Commission on issues related to broadband mapping. The mapping will be merged with regional and State mapping. Kamal noted this information could then assist in the development of the Town's updated Master Plan. The Board thanked Kamal for his service.

Maureen Spencer confirmed that Selectman Slack is the contact person for road issues, complaining that she had tried to reach Selectman Slack with no response. Maureen also said she wanted assurance that there is an action plan in place to maintain and complete the section of Town House Road being reconstructed. Selectman Slack noted that all should use caution and patience in traveling that section of road and if she is not responding to issues, the office staff should be contacted.

Paula Hammond continued discussion about Town House Road. Ron Evans had

explained that the Effingham road reconstruction projects are small projects to paving contractors and therefore will be the first to be "bumped" to a future date when the contractor finds he needs additional time on another job. Paula suggested the next contract contain verbiage pertaining to timeframe and penalties if timeframes are not kept.

Maureen Spencer announced that the "Friends of Mountain View" are holding a benefit supper at Joseph's Spaghetti Shed in Bartlett on October 8th.

Randy Burbank has had some regular equipment maintenance done.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Slack has received advice from the Town's attorney to obtain Town Meeting approval to sell the old forestry truck which has been put out of service now that the newer vehicle from the State has been received. After discussion last week, it seems that the entire truck may be useful at the transfer station as a water source in the event of a fire.

Planet Aid has requested room at the transfer station to place a donation box. The request was denied due to concerns regarding space and safety.

FEMA has notified the Board that new maps have been produced. The Zoning Ordinance will need to be revised to comply with the new maps.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of September 18th the 25th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

The guidelines and regulations for the junior firefighters program have been sent to the Town's attorney for review.

The Province Lake Association has again requested funding to assist with the Lake Host program to inspect boats for invasive plants prior to launch into the water body. The Selectmen will place an article on the Town Warrant in 2013 for a vote of the legislative body.

The probate court has approved reconstituting the old Effingham Falls Cemetery Trust.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen discussed soliciting bids for sale of the ambulance again. They have been

informed of a couple of interested parties. It was agreed that they would go ahead with requesting bids again. Bids will be due by the 15th of October and the Selectmen will be changing their weekly meeting to Monday that week to open those bids. It was voted that the new minimum bid would be \$24,500.

The Board unanimously agreed to accept grant funding of \$3870 from the State of New Hampshire for special duty police patrols.

After a unanimous vote, the Board executed an agreement to proceed with necessary changes resulting in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector being able to receive payments online.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

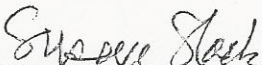
At the regular meeting of the 22nd, the Board plans to discuss information pertaining to the transfer station presented by Pine Tree Engineering and Waste Management.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

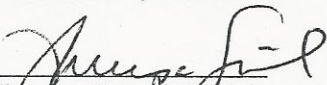
The Board voted to enter non-public session at 8:50. They voted to accept a tax collector's deed presented to them. The former owner reneged on a payment arrangement made with the Board and has not attempted to make a new one.

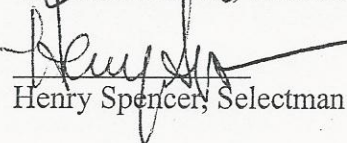
The Board looked over the results of a pre-hiring background check on a candidate for the Sergeant's position and decided to allow Chief Butts to offer the candidate the position.

The non-public session adjourned at 9:30 pm.


Susan Slack, Selectman

10.9.12
Date


Theresa Swanick, Selectman


Henry Spencer, Selectman