

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer (absent)

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Piekut, Deputy Emergency Management Manager reported that he is prepared to submit the preliminary damage assessment required by FEMA to secure reimbursement of costs associated with the recent storm.

Blair Foltz announced that the annual water quality testing results will be presented on November 15th. The presentation is hosted by UNH and Plymouth State University.

Carol Phister had carpet samples and a comparative spreadsheet of costs for the purchase of carpeting for the Library. The Board agreed with the Trustees of the Library on the choice of vendor and left the choice of color to the Trustees.

Cheryle Feirick made a comment that she felt that a van parked on Town House Road presented a dangerous obstruction to road maintenance.

Chief Butts reported that he has set the hours of 4:00-6:00 pm for trick-or-treating. He noted he will have increased patrols during those hours. He has secured 2 indictments for crimes committed in Effingham. The Chief reported that the Town's newly hired Sergeant has almost completed his field work and will be working on his own next week. Sergeant Sacco has knowledge of the area given his many years of service at the Ossipee Police Department, during which he often assisted the Effingham Police Department. Chief Butts commented on downed utility wires in the light of the recent east coast storm that carried with it high winds, causing many power outages. He offered a reminder that all downed lines can be dangerous and should not be approached at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Danley came to the meeting to discuss their property value with the Board of Selectmen. They have filed for a hearing with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals and

a requirement in the BTLA process is attempting to negotiate with the Board of Selectmen. The couple presented a current market value appraisal. It was explained that the present market value is not a valid argument to prove an assessed value to be over/under stated. The Town's assessing firm will be contacted to ensure that all relevant factors have been reviewed.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report. He also reported that he has once again won a gold medal. This time it was for competing in a bowling tournament.

The Board voted to recess at 7:40 so Selectman Slack could speak with the Budget Committee which was conducting a meeting in the modular unit. Selectman Slack is the Selectmen's representative to the Budget Committee. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:05.

Randy Burbank reported that the Fire Department was busy clearing the roads of tree limbs and debris from the roadways due to the recent storm. Selectmen thanked them for their work. Also, Randy reported that the inspection of PK has been conducted.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

All were reminded that due to the election being held on Tuesday November 6th, the Selectmen's weekly meeting will be held on Monday of that week. It was also noted that there will be a hearing held next week to discuss charging fees for the disposal of electronics and tires at the Effingham transfer station.

In response to a recent complaint, Selectman Slack will request a meeting with the road contractor to discuss certain issues related to Granite Road.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 23rd and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen will meet with representatives of Waste Management next Tuesday to discuss specific plans in preparation of replacing the compactor and power system that runs the compactor.

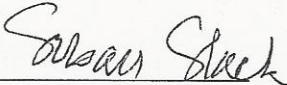
The Town's attorney has created a consent form for parents and/or guardians to sign for adolescents interested in becoming junior firefighters.

NEW BUSINESS

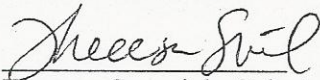
The Town of Leicester Massachusetts is ready to purchase the ambulance and officials there are working out the details of transfer with Randy Burbank. The vehicle's title certificate was signed to transfer ownership during the meeting.


PLANNED DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.


Susan Slack, Selectman

11/5/12
Date


Theresa Swanick, Selectman


Henry Spencer, Selectman