

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2013

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Marilynn Maughan updated Selectmen on her meeting with Attorney Matt Serge regarding an ongoing property issue in town.

Police Chief Timothy Butts gave an update on the Police Department activity.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank reported Tom Thompson resigned his position on the Effingham Fire Department. Chief Burbank will discuss with the membership making Tom an honorary member. Selectman Slack recommended sending a letter to Mr. Thompson thanking him for his service on the department. The fire department purchased and delivered nine sets of winter gear to the Effingham Elementary School prior to Christmas for students in need. The Board was very thankful to the fire department for acquiring the gear and noted that Osh Kosh gave a very generous discount to the department at the time of the purchase. Chief Burbank also reported while responding to an active fire alarm at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center the fire truck sustained minor damage when it was backed into a retaining wall at the facility. The incident was reported to the administration at Lakeview with no concern on their part over the incident and the minor damage to the fire truck has been repaired. Chief Burbank reported the department ended 2012 with 300 calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A work session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30pm. Selectmen will work on their budget.

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of December 18th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick noted the meeting to prepare estimates for improvements at the Transfer Station was canceled due to the snowstorm. She will be making the necessary contacts to reschedule the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board briefly reviewed their budget but decided to hold off making any adjustments until the work session on Wednesday.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board met with the town road contractor to discuss this years budgetary needs and updating the 5 year road plan. Ron noted the salt shed is in extremely poor condition and about ready to collapse. The Board is aware of the condition of the shed and considering options for replacing it at some point in the near future. Discussion continued on Town House road reconstruction and the budgetary needs to complete the next phase. Future road planning over the next two years or so was discussed. Ron Evans recommended top coating Green Mountain Road from Champion Hill Road to Ryefield Road.

Other potential roads that could benefit from crack sealing in the not to distant future are Old Pound, Snow, Highwatch, and possibly Nutter Road The goal is to preserve the existing pavement thus reducing future road maintenance costs. Also discussed was widening sections Granit Road, improving the intersection of Huntress Bridge Rd. and Route 153, finishing some minor improvements to Moody Road and replacement of the Stevens Road Bridge. As part of the discussion Selectman Spencer raised issue with the condition of the paving material used in the second phase of Town House Road. The Board will be contacting F.R. Carroll to discuss their concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman