

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 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

Police Chief Tim Butts met with Selectmen to review the replacement schedule of the Ford Crown Victoria. The police cruiser is due for replacement March of 2014. Selectmen discussed the budgetary needs over the next couple years in keeping with the rotation schedule for replacement of the police cruisers.

Effingham Conservation Commission Chairman Emelyn Albert discussed the Effingham Conservation Commissions submission for the town website and asked if there was enough space available for the ECC to post additional information. Selectman Swanick assured them the website is expandable and enough room is available for future postings.

Emelyn also presented the Board with a mailing she received at her home from Northeast Electric. Northeast Electric is an alternative electric supplier offering lower electrical rates on renewable energy, guaranteed for a 6 month period. Selectmen agreed to look into alternative electrical suppliers, review rates and potential savings for Effingham Taxpayers.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank also discussed future budgetary and equipment needs as they pertain to the Fire Department. He is hopeful Effingham will be awarded a grant for the multipurpose vehicle and is considering a smaller fire engine when it comes time to replace Engine One. The town owns a large water tanker and is part of the mutual aid program therefore, a full size fire engine may not be necessary.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen Swanick discussed the need to review with Department of Environmental Services potential changes to the Transfer Station.

Selectman Slack noted she has been in discussion with Municipal Resources in an attempt to bring the town into compliance with General Accounting Standards. The town must be compliant with these standards and fully audited in the event the municipality needed to borrow money. Administrative Assistant Claudia Lamphier will be providing Municipal Resources with the necessary documentation in order to begin the first steps of becoming compliant.

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of January 29th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick spoke regarding the upcoming improvements to the Transfer Station. The board is still working out some of the details. For example, costs for excavation and the need to adhere to a strict maintenance schedule for cleaning the site after improvements are made. Also, compacting glass can cause some additional issues with the bottom of the compactor that could require additional future maintenance and the question of losing revenue from paper recycling was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen discussed the Freedom Food Pantry Petition Warrant Article and voted unanimously to recommend the article.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman