

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 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

Tom Thompson asked the Selectmen if the ad notifying residents that plowing snow into the roadway is not allowed and a fine can be imposed, was placed in the newspaper. Tom also asked if there were plans to hold a Meet the Candidates Night. Selectman Slack noted the ad had not been placed in the paper and there will be a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:30 pm at the Municipal Office Building.

Emergency Management Director Randy Burbank reported he is reviewing the Emergency Operation Plan and making corrections.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen Slack reported PSNH submitted a request to the planning board seeking permission to trim trees along the right of way on Hobbs Road. She went on to explain, Hobbs Road is a scenic road and in 1987, by vote of town meeting, the Historic District Commission was given authority over scenic roadways and would be responsible for holding the hearing. Since the commission is currently short on members there would not be a quorum. The Selectmen may have to find people willing to be appointed to the commission so a hearing can be held. Selectman Slack will obtain a copy of the PSNH request from the Planning Board and contact the town attorney to find out how the Board should proceed.

Selectman Spencer announced Family Fun Night to be held at the Effingham Elementary School on February 21st between 5:30 and 7:00pm.

Selectman Slack noted she received a request from resident Karen Payne asking permission to conduct a can drive for the local food pantry at the annual town meeting as well as set up informational tables for local non-profits and town commissions. Karen reported she discussed it with the Town Moderator who is open to her doing so. The Board agreed it was a good idea.

Selectman Slack reported the Board heard back from F.R.Carroll regarding the condition of the pavement that was laid during Phase 2 of Town House Road reconstruction. Mr. Carroll agreed the quality of the pavement was not good. Contamination of recycled oil used in the process could be the problem. Mr. Carroll is willing to rectify the situation come spring and offered to patch any potholes that might occur between now and then. Selectman Slack would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Carroll in the near future to find out exactly what rectifying the situation would entail.

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of February 5th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick spoke to the Board regarding Department of Environmental Services reporting requirements for potential changes to the transfer station. She went on to say the representative explained there is preliminary review process available to applicants prior to submitting a final plan for approval. The representative also noted there needs to be Operation Plan and Closure Plan in place for the transfer station. Selectman Swanick will be looking further into the process.

Selectman Swanick finally heard from PSNH regarding the utilities offer to conduct energy audits for customers. She will be pursuing this further with them.

Selectman Spencer will be exploring rates with alternative renewable energy suppliers.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Slack raised discussion on the need to close the transfer station during snow storms and the most effective way to make the decision. She noted the need to plow the transfer station during snow storms which can create a hazard for the employees and patrons. She suggested the Transfer Station Supervisor and the Selectmen’s Office Administration make the decision and if additional assistance is needed the Emergency Management Director can be contacted to assist in making the decision. The Board concurred and Selectman Slack will put together a policy regarding the same.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman