

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 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

Resident Ron Whitham commented on the condition of the pavement on Town House Road. Selectman Slack noted the Board is aware of the pavement condition and spoke with F.R. Carroll who will rectify the situation in the spring. He also reported to the Board a washout on Champion Hill Road and went on to ask the Board why they awarded the road contract to the highest bidder. Selectman Slack explained that Ron Evans was not the highest bidder and there are other things the Board must take into consideration when deciding who to award a contract to like equipment and personnel available to do the job.

Police Chief Timothy Butts presented the Board with a Letter of Commendation for Sgt. Anthony Sacco. The letter commends Sgt. Sacco for his diligence and care in locating a female subject who was displaced from her residence and wandered into the woods where she spent the night exposed to the elements. When Sgt. Sacco found her she was barefoot, suffering from frost bite and hypothermia. Sgt. Sacco's willingness to extend the extra effort and search for the disoriented subject undoubtedly saved her life. The Board extends their appreciation to Sgt. Sacco for his efforts.

Eric Jones asked about the road plowing in town and how plowing priorities are established. Selectmen explained that through roads are cared for first and dead end roads are secondary. He also asked about the number of times a road is to be plowed during a storm. Selectmen explained that the town road contractor has to follow D.O.T. regulations regarding the number of hour's road crew personnel can be on the road plowing. Also, at any given time the contractor can experience equipment break downs. Several factors can play into the situation.

Fire Chief Burbank reported to the Board that the E.O.P. changes are complete and he will get new plans printed for distribution.

Ralph Thompson asked the Board regarding runoff at the transfer station and will Dept. of Environmental Services look favorably on the potential rebuild of the transfer station near the wetlands? Selectmen explained the wetlands must be delineated and have a physical barrier in place. Ralph asked how the juices from the compactor would be contained. Selectman Swanick will discuss the need for a collection system with the Dept. of Environmental Services and report back to the Board next week.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen Spencer reported on a pot hole at the end of Old Pound Road raised the question of posting signs for frost heaves and wondered if we had enough signs on hand. Further discussion was also raised on alternative electric suppliers. Further review of suppliers and rates available will be conducted.

Selectmen Swanick presented Board members with a copy of a Street Light Energy Audit conducted by PSNH. Selectmen reviewed and discussed the Energy Inventory for each Municipal Facility with respect to the usage of heating oil, propane and electricity. Also, reviewed were the towns current street lighting rates and potential savings for conversion. Rebates available through PSNH for electrical upgrades and heating upgrades were also discussed. Selectmen will further review the town’s street lighting needs and a representative from PSNH will be in town on Wednesday March 6th to conduct an audit of the interior lighting for each municipal building.

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board corrected and approved the Minutes of February 19th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen Slack again reminded everybody of the need to recruit Historic District Commission members. Selectman Spencer spoke with Chairman Paul Potter who will be sending letters to residents in the Historic District and surrounding area to see if anyone is interested in serving on the commission. Selectman Slack remarked on the need to hold a public hearing for PSNH in the near future. It was decided by the Board the Selectmen’s Office will maintain a file for each commission and the appointment of members as well as terms of service for future reference.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen received a request from RSVP Health and Wellness Group to use the Municipal Office Building meeting room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The group does carry liability insurance. The Board agreed to waive the fees and allow the group use of the room during those hours after the completion of a facilities use contract.

PLANNED DISCUSSION - none

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman