

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Potter, Rebecca Harrington and Erik Jones were re-appointed to the Historic District Commission.

Maureen Spencer announced an upcoming event sponsored by the Friends of Mountain View Nursing Facility. The event is being called Just Desserts and it is to be held on April 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Selectman Spencer plans on testing with DES for Level III transfer station attendant.

Randy Burbank reported that he has just received background check clearance for two new members willing to serve with the Effingham Fire Department. One is a licensed EMT and the other has firefighter II certification. He also reported there was a structure fire in town Tuesday. Several other fire departments assisted and the structure was salvaged.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire department activity report. He also announced winning a basketball tournament since the last meeting. All applauded John's achievement.

The Board has received information regarding reverse 911 emergency notifications. The service is now available without cost. Selectmen determined Randy would be a point of contact for officials overseeing the service and a second contact will be discussed with Randy.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Election of a chairperson and committee designations were agreed on. Henry Spencer will be the Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Spencer will sit on the Planning Board as a Selectmen's representative, Selectmen Eldridge will serve on the

Historic District Commission and Selectman Swanick will serve on the Budget Committee.

The Board received notification of a storm water run-off workshop.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of March 12th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen Swanick and Spencer updated newly elected Selectmen Eldridge of ongoing projects and issues.

Street lighting alternatives and locations will be looked at. A recent discussion with PSNH revealed there are many lighting fixtures that could be replaced to obtain significant savings in annual cost.

Frank Carroll will be asked to attend a meeting to address the deterioration of the paving on phase 2 of the Town House Road project that was put down last year.

Selectman Swanick has spoken with a representative of Municipal Resources Inc. regarding assistance with coming into compliance with GASB requirements. His advice was to go forward with an audit to find what issues are noncompliant with current GASB standards. It was determined that the next step towards that end will be to interview auditors from at least two municipal accounting firms.

Ken Leavitt will be contacted again to provide a short sale value of the town owned property on School Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen will be requesting the status of fire department vehicles and the replacement schedule of these vehicles. It was also noted that the same should be looked at for police department vehicles. Chief Burbank and Chief Butts will be asked to speak to the Board about the status of their respective vehicle status.

A complaint was made about Wilkinson Swamp Road being plowed all the way through, although it is a cottage road. The road contractor has confirmed that his firm is not plowing all the way through. It is most probably a property owner doing the plowing.

With Town Meeting voters addressing the Board with concerns and other comments regarding the proposed transfer station improvements, Selectmen will be seeking further input from those voters and others. This may be done in a formal or informal committee manner.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The two year road maintenance contract is due to expire on May 31st. Selectmen will be reviewing that contract and specifications.

The Board will be discussing the changes/modifications to be made at the transfer station now that Town Meeting voters approved funding the project. Some concerns and comments were brought to the Board at Town Meeting, which will be part of the discussion and planning process.

At 7:30 pm the Board voted unanimously to enter into a non-public session to update Selectman Eldridge on a pending legal suit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman