

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grover Fisher made another plea to the Board to waive the building permit fee he will be required to pay when he completes an application to replace his demolished home. No waiver was granted.

Erik Jones reported that a meeting of the ad hoc advisory committee assigned with the task of looking at the present and future needs of capital reserve and trust funds, will be held at the Effingham Public Library on the 25th of April at 7:00 pm.

Emelyn Albert announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding the annual Earth Day roadside clean up on Saturday, April 27th. Volunteers will start and end at the Municipal Office Building. She also reported that a previous member of the Commission has returned to assist with the Province Lake Association watershed plan.

Randy Burbank reported that he and his assistant emergency management director met with a FEMA official to apply for reimbursement of costs related to a storm declared a disaster. The resulting application should result in a sizable reimbursement.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire department activity report. He further reported that he came home with a second place medal for a basketball Special Olympic tournament he participated in over the weekend.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Eldridge announced the recent death of Andy Hubbard, a Fire Department volunteer and present or past member of several boards and/or committees. He called for a moment of silence to remember Andy.

Selectman Eldridge proposed that the Selectmen's meetings should start with the Pledge

of Allegiance to the American Flag. Other Board members stated they would like time to consider this proposal.

The Board has received a letter from a property owner of land directly across from fire station 2. The land runs along the river and can be used as a water source for fire apparatus. The property owner's letter states his intention to sell this property and offers the Town a first right of refusal. The Board is not considering purchasing the land.

Lakes Region Planning Commission will be making a presentation on invasive water plants.

Selectman Spencer reported that the Ossipee Concerned Citizens organization has had a substantial reduction in funding provided by the State. He announced they are looking for private donations to make up for the loss in revenue. The organization offers many benefits to community members.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of April 9th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick has looked into renting a compactor unit should the current compactor at the transfer station become inoperable. She is also collecting data on the cost and suitable location for drilling a well for that facility. Selectman Swanick is looking for a list of transfer stations with similar design as that being proposed in the upcoming improvement project.

Selectmen met with Frank Carroll to look at the deterioration of Town House Road, paved last year by Mr. Carroll's firm. He proposed to fix the road by cutting out and fixing certain areas of the road that are most damaged and then covering the entire length of roadway completed last year, with a one inch skim coat. Several members of the community offered suggestions and comments about the proposed "fix". The overall consensus was that the offered solution was not adequate. The Board will be looking for a 3rd party opinion about the situation.

A local realtor asked to offer an opinion of value for a town owned property, has not submitted one yet. He has been reminded and information has been resubmitted to him. The Board intends to sell the property in the near future.

Selectman Spencer will be drafting a letter to property owners who live near a street light that is going to be taken down. He will also be inquiring to PSNH how to initiate the elimination of these lighting fixtures.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to lift the weight limit restriction on town roads.

Selectman Swanick will be working with PSNH on available funding for replacement of electrical baseboard heating at the Library/Town Hall.

Erik Jones was sworn in as a Library Trustee and Eric Potter was sworn in as a Historic District Commission member.

Now that specifications are completed for the road maintenance contract, the contract will be edited as necessary.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board presented the proposed design for improvements to be made to the transfer station. Not all options have been thoroughly explored, but the basic design has been looked at quite extensively and feedback to the design is being solicited.

The Board overturned a decision made last week regarding a personnel issue. The final decision was made after consultation with the Town's attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman