

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

April 2, 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**

A resident attended to voice concern about the condition of Town House Road. It was explained that the Board is working with Frank Carroll on resolving the inadequacies when the weather will allow.

Randy Burbank reported that he will be attending a FEMA meeting during which there will be discussion about reimbursement of expenses incurred for the snowstorm which took place in early February. Randy will explain the manner in which our road contractor is compensated to see if Effingham is eligible for any reimbursement. After discussion with the road contractor, approximately \$3800 of material (sand and salt) was used in that storm. The Town's emergency operations plan has been approved by FEMA.

Mr. Potter commended Selectman Spencer for the manner in which he handled a discussion with a resident last week who voiced concerns and comments about the road she lives on.

Erik Jones volunteered for the committee that will review current capital reserve and trust funds to make recommendations about future use or need for these funds. Mellisa Seamans has also volunteered. Board members requested they meet with the Board next week.

A resident, who recently demolished the remains of his home after a fire, complained that he would need to pay the \$35 building permit application fee to rebuild.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire department activity report.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

An area real estate broker will be viewing a town owned property for an opinion of value. The Board will offer the property for sale/auction at some point after it is determined

what the estimated value is. Randy Burbank will be accompanying the broker to assure his safety during his inspection of the home.

Selectmen will be meeting with municipal auditing firms to obtain pricing and procedural information in preparation of a formal audit.

Selectman Swanick reported that PSNH has not completed the lighting audit done for all municipal facilities.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the Minutes of March 26th and the weekly manifest.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Swanick contacted a well drilling firm which is currently offering special pricing. A site visit will be made to see if the grounds of the transfer station would be conducive to the discounted rate, or if conditions exist which indicate the discounted rate may not be applicable.

Selectman Eldridge inquired about the status of upgrading the hot water system of the municipal office building. The sinks currently do not provide adequate hot water. He also discussed an issue regarding a dry hydrant on Town House Road. The owner would like to put a permanent easement in place, so the Town could benefit indefinitely from use of the dry hydrant, regardless of any future changes in ownership. Selectman Eldridge suggested looking at the current agreement in place with the property owner to see if it may be feasible to approach other property owners who have agreed to allow use of their water resources for a dry hydrant.

Selectmen Spencer and Eldridge have started to look at street lighting throughout the Town to determine where more efficient lighting may be beneficial and what fixtures may not be necessary. At the work session at the end of the meeting, several fixtures were determined seem to be unnecessary.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Selectmen will be holding a work session at the conclusion of the formal meeting. Topics to be discussed are the specifications of the road maintenance contract and the transfer station improvement project.

There will be a display of information pertaining to Effingham Ironworks in Sanbornton.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Selectmen met with Chief Butts to be updated on Police Department business. Chief Butts told Board members that the department is very busy. The Board inquired about changing speed limits on roadways. The Chief advised that speed limit designations are regulated by statutes. Chief Don Grow of Ossipee has retired and James Eldridge has been promoted, as expected. Chief Butts noted that he enjoys a good working relationship with all surrounding communities and the Sheriff's office. Selectman Eldridge asked that the Chief do a vehicle replacement schedule. The police department is always looking for qualified part time officers and Chief Butts thinks he has someone who is interested in a part time position.

The Board voted unanimously to enter into a non-public session at 7:00 to discuss a personnel issue regarding upcoming salary changes related to recent voter approval at Town Meeting.

Selectmen resumed public session at 7:20 pm and reviewed and edited the specifications for the road maintenance contract which will be awarded in May of this year. They also reviewed information collected regarding street lighting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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