

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick (absent)

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Potter reported that when the flags were placed on veteran's graves for Memorial Day this year, Ken Ritchey's gravesite was missed. He was willing to place a flag on that gravesite and was given the flag to do so. Ken will be added to the list of veteran's graves that Selectman Spencer has created.

Randy Burbank reported that only one contractor has responded to the request for proposals posted in area news publications to install a new heating system in Station #2. The deadline for proposals is June 11th. The fire department's gear was inspected and found to be in good condition. Randy has composed a letter to be sent to former firefighters who failed to return their Class A uniforms when they left the department. The letter explains that since the uniforms were purchased with Town funds, they are property of the Town and must be returned or further action will be taken. Also, there was a brief discussion regarding recent rumors about the ambulance company providing service to Effingham; LifeStar EMS. Randy advised that if anyone had questions about the credentials of that company they should contact the overseeing agency in Concord. All expressed that only good reports have been received about ambulance response service to Effingham. Police Chief Butts noted that he responds to emergency medical calls when on duty and he has been very impressed with the response time, knowledge of personnel and patient care that he has observed.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire department call report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer has contacted Ron Evans and Mark McKonkey and requested they coordinate a time to dig a test pit to find an appropriate location for a septic system at the transfer station.

Selectman Eldridge has spoken to a representative of the arborist firm contracted by PSNH for roadside tree removal. They have agreed to consider safety issues when deciding to remove trees. Selectman Eldridge confirmed that if a tree were removed for reasons not primarily for power line encroachment, the Town would bear the expense of removing the timber from the property owner's yard if the owner does not want it.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of May 21st and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Eldridge is still working on policies and procedures for Selectmen. He also reported that the realtor he is working with to advise the Board on a suggested listing price of a home that is Town owned, has said he should have a report ready for meeting next week.

An engineering firm will be meeting with Selectmen on Tuesday morning to discuss and inspect the deteriorating pavement on Town House Road.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board is considering making the roadside mowing contract remain in force for a period of two years instead of the current one year term.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman