

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident David Seaman's inquired about any future plans to finish the work on Moody Road. The culvert hasn't been replaced yet and the road needs grading. Rain is washing out the roadside without the culvert in place.

Mr. Potter reported the Effingham Historical Society will be holding an "Open Museum" on Saturday July 6th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Three floors will be open with no charge for admission.

Edith Sharp announced the Effingham Preservation Society will be offering "Strawberry Shortcake" at 4:00 pm on Saturday June 29th.

Resident Erik Jones attended the meeting to bring to the Boards attention the latest attraction in town "feeding the goats" on Route 153N. The property owner is raising goats and has posted a sign inviting motorists to stop and feed the goats which Mr. Jones believes places pedestrians and motorists at risk.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report and announced his birthday is Sunday June 30th.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Swanick reported on her discussion with Todd Hagar regarding the location of the operator building at the Transfer Station as it impacts the installation of the electrical equipment. Todd noted there would likely be additional costs associated with the location and expressed concerns regarding safety. Prior to the final layout he recommends the Board meet with him for review.

Selectman Spencer reported he spoke with Mike Pilkovsky who graciously volunteered his time to oversee and assist the Board with the transfer station project.

Selectman Swanick reported UNH T2 will be conducting road assessments in town and make recommendations to the Board. They will also assist the Board in developing a road maintenance schedule.

Selectman Spencer reported he spoke with Deanna Amaral, Tax Collector who agreed to meet with the Board in two weeks to discuss implementing a better process of notification between her office and the Selectmen's Office regarding property owners who are delinquent on their taxes and at risk of losing their property to tax deeding.

Selectman Eldridge reported to the Board that offers were made on the property for sale at 144 School Street. The board reviewed the offers. Selectman Eldridge made a motion to accept the offer of \$15,000.00, Selectman Spencer seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to accept the offer of \$15,000.00. Selectman Eldridge will contact the realtor to make one correction from warranty deed to quitclaim deed and have a purchase and sales agreement drawn up.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of June 18th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Henry raised discussion on the F.R. Carroll letter. Henry wants the Board to proceed cautiously on the Town House Road issue with Mr. Carroll. His desire is to have the matter resolved without losing a highly respected contractor. The Board agreed to Henry's revision of the letter.

Selectman Eldridge raised discussion on the hot water and kitchen drain problem at the Municipal Office Building. Plumber Nate Perkins noted some possible remedies. The Board will contact Nate for a narrative of the work to be done and costs associated with that work.

NEW BUSINESS

At 6:45 pm the Board entered into non-public session to meet with the Proprietor of LifeStar, EMS regarding a contract matter. The Board adjourned from non-public at 7:25 pm.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Randy Burbank announced FEMA approved the towns Hazard Mitigation Plan. He will have additional copies printed and distributed as necessary. Also, letters were sent both certified and regular mail to three former members of the fire department requesting return of the Class A Uniforms which were issued to them during their time on the department. He reported to the Board the deadline date has passed and the uniforms have not been returned. Randy explained to the Board he will be pursuing the return of the uniforms with the Carroll County Sheriffs Department. Two auxiliary members joined the department bringing the total membership to ten members and two auxiliary members. The auxiliary members will be attending a traffic training exercise hosted by Primex. Auxiliary members assist fire fighters on the scene with directing traffic, rolling hose etc. Selectman Eldridge asked Fire Chief Burbank to double check with the town’s insurer on the coverage of auxiliary fire department members. Randy applied for another grant which could award Effingham money for 4 sets of fire gear.

On Saturday members of the fire department familiarized themselves with Jolly Roger Village and Province Shores Campground. Also discussed was the installation of a new heater at Fire Station 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman