

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2013

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

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edith Sharp reported that the pancake breakfast held by the Preservation Society was a great success.

Deanna Amaral, Town Clerk/Tax Collector reported that there are 74 dogs still unlicensed. Chief Butts will be making a visit to the homes of the owners to advise them they will be fined.

Randy Burbank informed the Board that he expects to have a new member soon and he will be promoting a present member.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on Fire Department calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

On October 1st the Tax Collector will be presenting the Board with deeds for properties on which 2010 taxes are still outstanding. The Board discussed the possibility of some of the property owners approaching them with requests to make arrangements for payment of those outstanding taxes. The Board will meet with those requesting an extension to pay, but will stay mindful that the obligation must be paid in a timely manner, as agreed and they will require the taxpayer to present a probable case for the possibility of paying now, what they have not been able to afford in the past.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of August 13th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick has drafted a transfer station operation plan and a closure plan. She has also worked on a DES modification application for approval of the planned improvements to the transfer station.

PSNH is still accumulating data to complete the energy audit on the Town Hall/Library building.

The Board will request a local road specialist look at the road report completed by the UNH Tech 2 Center to offer his thoughts on Effingham roads and the plan presented.

Selectmen Spencer and Eldridge have acquired GPS coordinates for many of the cemeteries throughout Town. Selectman Spencer plans to develop a spreadsheet to consolidate the data.

The town forester, Jeff Libby has reported that the timber harvest on Hobbs Road is in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Signs have been ordered for Hobbs Road in response to residents concerns that through traffic is traveling the road due to incorrect GPS system directions. The signs to be placed at the intersection of Route 153 and Hobbs Road will state there is "No Outlet".

NEW BUSINESS

none

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Ron Evans attended the meeting to update Board members on the Town House Road reconstruction and other road issues throughout town. He has completed the culverts on Town House Road and reported that the reclamation grinding is planned to take place this week and paving is scheduled to start on September 12th.

Mike Pilkovsky came in to update the Board about his progress on the plans for the transfer station improvements.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman