

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

At 5:00 pm Selectmen attended the Effingham Elementary School Open House. No business discussed.

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Jones announced he will replace the flag at the Town Hall/Library and raised discussion regarding funding for the maintenance of the Lords Hill Honor Roll. The Lords Hill Meeting House, a 501C3 organization, will circulate a petition warrant article to be voted on at town meeting in March. The petitioners will be asking taxpayers to set aside approx. fifty dollars annually for future maintenance and restoration of the Honor Roll.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on Fire Department calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer commented on the new well at the transfer station. At 410 feet water was discovered with water pressure at 24 gallons per minute, which is a lot of pressure, requiring further work to bring the pressure under control. In response to the ad requesting proposals for site work at the transfer station the Selectmen and four excavation companies will attend a mandatory site walk at the transfer station on Wednesday September 25th at 10:00am to review the specifications which will allow the contractors to make proposals, accordingly.

Selectman Spencer announced the town was awarded a grant from FEMA as a result of the March 18th snow storm and thanked the Town's Emergency Management Team for putting the necessary application together.

Selectman Spencer reported on his meeting with Russ Lanoie, self proclaimed dirt road geek. Henry and Russ drove the dirt roads in town discussing road grading, ditching, pitching, drainage and the different types of sand used to maintain dirt roads. Russ noted a mix of clay and sand, which Coleman's of North Conway has started mixing, seems to work the best at holding dirt roads together. Selectman Swanick raised a few questions with regards to dirt roads as they pertain to Effingham's 2013 Inventory of Road Surface Assessment put together by UNH T2 for the town. Selectman Swanick will be attending the upcoming gravel road workshop.

Selectman Spencer reported the Selectmen's Office received a call from Dept of Public Health to inform us a case of EEE has been confirmed in a horse from Ossipee, therefore Effingham is classified a moderate risk town for viral infections.

Selectmen Spencer announced the fire department tended the burning of the brush pile at the transfer station over the weekend and thanked them for helping out.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of September 17th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

With regards to the Energy Audit conducted at the Town Hall/Library, Selectman Swanick announced the Install Review portion of the Energy Audit for the Library was received listing three options for costs of equipment, installation and a payback schedule. Library Trustees Cheryl Feirick and Maureen Spencer attended the meeting raising concerns over the immediate heating needs at the Library. The kerosene monitors are outdated and parts are no longer available. Both Cheryl and Maureen are concerned the monitors will break down during the heating season causing the Library to shut down, noting they have a responsibility to the employees of the Library. The Board agreed to put a plan in place for replacing the kerosene monitors with propane heaters in the event there is a breakdown during the winter months. Selectman Swanick will further pursue funding with PSNH Smart Start Program or a private program for energy efficiency improvements at the Town Hall/ Library in the near future.

Selectmen reviewed and revised the crack sealing specifications.

Selectmen also reviewed and revised the taxpayer repayment agreement which will be sent to the town attorney for review and approval.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Randy Burbank was in for his monthly meeting with the Board. He raised discussion with Selectmen over the contracted ambulance service. He also mentioned fire inspections were conducted by the department at various businesses throughout town. He asked the Board if there was any provision in the law allowing the fire department to impose fines on businesses that refuse to comply with the requirements of the State of New Hampshire Fire and Safety Code. The Selectmen were unaware of any and suggested Chief Burbank contact the Fire Marshalls Office. Selectman Eldridge asked the Chief how he was doing on research of the heating system requirements at Fire Station 2. Randy noted he was still working on it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman