

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2013

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Potter reported that the Center Effingham Church now has a youth group. He is pleased with how well it is going. Everyone seems to be having a good time at meetings.

Randy Burbank reported that he has a new member who is a certified EMT and Firefighter I. The department's ladders have passed inspection. The winter clothes drive for Effingham Elementary students has started. He has a list of sizes for coats. The fire department has started planning for the department's Christmas dinner to be held on December 11th. Randy also informed the Board that he has applied for grant funding for an all purpose vehicle and requested the Board consider a contribution toward the vehicle. He noted that a contribution by the town is looked on favorably when the funding is being considered for approval.

Erik Jones spoke about the Historic District discussions regarding changing the number of required members.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Pine River Landscaping is discussing taking over the responsibility of snow shoveling municipal facilities.

The Budget Committee will be meeting tonight with selected groups to discuss their budget requests.

Selectman Eldridge reminded all about the multiple events the PTO will be sponsoring this month. All will be taking place at the Elementary School.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 22nd and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen met with the Ossipee Selectmen and the fire chiefs of the three Ossipee fire departments to discuss ambulance service sharing until the end of the year. It was a productive meeting. Some details still need to be determined.

Selectman Swanick has completed the DES transfer station modification application.

The heating units at the Library have been installed and are reportedly working great. Those that have been to the Library said it is uniformly warm.

The pavement has been cut at the transfer station where the new cement pad will be placed and the electrical lines have been put in. There was further discussion about the attendant’s shed.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick discussed her desire to form an energy commission/committee. Fellow board members questioned if there is interest enough to recruit residents to serve in that capacity. Selectman Swanick noted that an energy commission/committee, in place in a town, sometimes makes it easier to qualify for grants for the purpose of energy conservation.

Selectmen voted unanimously to support a contribution of \$50,000 toward the purchase of an all purpose vehicle for the Fire Department, if grant funding is secured for the remainder of the purchase price. The \$50,000 would come from the capital reserve fund created to fund fire department trucks and equipment and would need Town Meeting approval to be withdrawn for this purpose.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Chief Butts gave his monthly report to Board members. He reported that although this is usually a slow time of year, that is not the case this year. The Police Department has been very busy. When he has available time, he intends to do a training session for employees of the Highwatch Neurorehabilitation facility on how to deal with difficult situations.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman