

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2013

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

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

Janet Normandeau and several other members of the community attended to find out what the issue is around ambulance service. Janet said that if contracting with an ambulance service was going to raise the tax rate, she would rather the Board not provide the Town with ambulance service. She also asked for an update on the transfer station improvements. Both issues will be covered during this meeting.

Chris Seamans asked the Board if they plan to appoint a road agent . They have not considered doing so at this time.

Sheriff Richardi and Deputy Young attended the meeting to introduce himself to anyone he has not yet met. He also wanted feedback from constituents or the Board about the operations of the Sheriff's department. Police Chief Butts reported that there is a great working relationship between the Sheriff's office and his department and thanked Sheriff Richardi for this.

Town Clerk, Deanna Amaral reported that there will be a special election primary on January 21st to determine candidates for the position made vacant by the recent passing of Ray Burton.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire department activity.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A letter has been presented the Board by the Town's Librarian and Library Trustees thanking the Board for the installation of the new heating system. They report that the Library is consistently warm throughout the building.

The equalization report is ready to be submitted.

The Budget Committee will be meeting again this evening after the Selectmen's meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of November 26th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer reported that he hopes the transfer station improvements will be completed by the first of January.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the proposal presented by Amerigas to install a heating system in Fire Station #2.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Police Chief Butts gave his monthly update report. Although this is usually a less busy time of year, that is not the case this year. He continues to work with Highwatch to improve client and employee safety. The Chief will be meeting with the Budget Committee tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen Eldridge and Spencer stayed to be available to the Budget Committee should they be called on for information.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman