

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

At 4:00 pm the Selectmen met for a work session to review their budget proposal prior to presenting it to the Budget Committee later this evening.

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheila Jones has completed an update of Effingham general information to be placed in the Greater Ossipee Chamber of Commerce publication. She presented her draft to the Board for their proposal. She was given permission to submit her Effingham summary.

Mr. Potter suggested to Board members that they reach out to public officials, particularly the soon to be elected executive councilor, about the pressure being put upon small communities in providing ambulance service. He also reported that Bill Dietzel, a local laundry mat owner, is opening one Saturday a month for people, who otherwise cannot afford to wash and dry their clothes, to do their laundry free.

Randy Burbank reported that he is increasingly concerned that dispatch is not toning out Effingham Fire Department on calls which require mutual aid. Both the Fire Department and Police Department are concerned about missing tones from dispatch due to the channel they are using on occasions.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen Eldridge updated the Board on his conversations with the road contractor. The recent bout of bad weather has proved to be a challenge for maintaining the roads. He reported that the contractor has been on the roads with all necessary equipment in his best effort to keep the roads in the best possible condition and has kept in contact with Selectman Eldridge when needed.

The Province Lake Association sent an invitation to the Board to attend an upcoming meeting. None of the Selectmen are able to attend, but would like to invite members of that organization to report on the information shared at the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

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

OLD BUSINESS

The road plan presented by UNH Tech center is being reviewed.

The Board will be meeting with a representative of CarePlus to discuss ambulance coverage.

The community board formed to work with Lakeview Neurorehabilitation to improve safety of facility residents, staff and community members is scheduled to meet again tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer has been given an estimate of \$2200 to replace the kitchen sink at the municipal building. The plumbing firm will be asked for a breakdown of the costs associated with that project.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Police Chief Butts reported that his department's number of calls is up substantially. He has been concerned for some time about the upswing in violent and drug related crime.

Selectmen entered into non-public session at 6:45 to discuss contract negotiations with CarePlus for continued ambulance service after the Town's agreement with Ossipee expires in March.

Selectmen adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman