

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick (absent)
Henry Spencer

At 6:30 pm the Board met in non-public session with Police Chief Butts to discuss issues relating to adding a Sergeant to the present roster, replacing the position Chief Butts' promotion created.

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Lanum spoke to Board members regarding questions and concerns about the Town House Road reconstruction project. She also made note that the trucks carrying materials to the reconstruction site are traveling on Corner Road and she has seen occasions that she believes the stop signs have not been heeded. The Board will address these concerns with the road contractor.

Mr. Potter also spoke about the reconstruction project. He spoke of concerns about a stone wall that was disturbed and an ash tree on his property that was removed as part of the project. Mr. Potter also relayed that Mr. Buswell approached him about the development of a snowmobile trail. Mr. Potter told Mr. Buswell that he would like a written plan before he agreed to have his land used in this endeavor. Mr. Potter plans to provide a copy of that plan to the Board of Selectmen, although Board members reminded Mr. Potter that the trail would have no approval or denial privileges for development of private land. Finally Mr. Potter reported that a speaker/actor portraying Mary Todd Lincoln would be speaking at the Historical Society on Friday at 7:00 pm.

Randy Burbank is still working on upgrading the ISO rating of the Town. He has towns expressing interest in purchasing Effingham's ambulance, but need a town meeting vote to authorize the purchase. Randy reported on his continuing efforts to perform a life and safety inspection at PK Motel. He and Selectman Spencer will be inspecting buildings at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation on the 15th of October.

Randy reminded all that the Fire Department open house will be held on October 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There was discussion concerning the replacement of street signs. With current requirements regarding lettering size, the sign for Wilkinson Swamp Road is expected to be over four feet in length.

Selectmen will be meeting in a non-public session with Chief Butts again next week, prior to starting the regular weekly meeting, to further discuss the job position of Sergeant on the Police Department.

Selectmen discussed concern that they are not being kept up on information pertaining to the ongoing reconstruction project on Town House Road. Concerns will be discussed with the road contractor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of September 10th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

A property owner who has reneged on an arranged payment plan has not attempted to make any payment or come in to the Selectmen to discuss an alternate plan. The property will be tax deeded when the tax collector returns from a vacation.

Selectman Spencer rode the town roads with the contractor who has completed the annual roadside mowing. The contractor offered some suggestions about clearing branches that are reducing the range of vision in some areas.

The documentation relating to the Fire Department's proposed junior firefighter program has been received in electronic format and will be sent to the Town's attorney for review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS

none

PLANNED DISCUSSION

none

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman