

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 approval. 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 allowing free use of his machines to people who can no longer afford to pay for laundering their clothes.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer will be doing a health inspection at the Elementary School soon. He also gave an update on the transfer station project. There is a doorway missing from the attendant's shed which is being added. The electrician and plumber are working on the shed as well.

A planned meeting with Lakeview to discuss ongoing concerns, went well. Lakeview reported that they have secured their gate and the perimeter fence.

Selectmen asked Fire Chief Burbank if there will be an impact on training with a new ambulance service in place. The former service provided training free or at very little cost. The Chief is confident there will be other sources to tap to secure reasonably priced training.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of January 7th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion about inviting the Province Lake Association to set up a table to distribute information to townspeople about ongoing issues pertaining to the Lake area, including the groundwater study being undertaken and overall water quality issues.

Selectman Eldridge voiced concern that the Board of Selectmen's policies and procedures that he drafted some time ago has not been acted on. He pointed out that a Town election will take place in March which may bring about a change on the Board. He asked his counterparts to look over the draft and make him aware of changes they believe should be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

With the recent inclement weather patterns of snow and freezing rain, each of the Board members has received comments on road conditions. Selectman Eldridge noted that has received compliments as well as criticism.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Selectmen met with the Budget Committee to review their 2014 budget request. Several issues brought about discussion.

Selectmen adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman