

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

At 8:05 the Board recessed the meeting and entered into a non-public session to speak with a property owner who has delinquent taxes to the extent that the Tax Collector will be deeding the property to the Town before the end of June. The property owner negotiated a payment arrangement to satisfy the tax arrearage.

By unanimous vote, the public session resumed at the conclusion of non-public session at 8:13 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edith Sharp reported that she has a bear hanging around her home.

Michael Cahalane came with a list of erroneous information currently on the Town's website. Selectman Slack commented that she has been making a list and has probably found the same errors. Selectman Swanick explained that the person who has shown an interest in updating the website has been unable to coordinate a time for training. Michael was assured the changes will be made.

Sheila Jones asked if the Selectmen's office has a digital camera. She explained that a legislative discussion if adopted would require the Supervisors of the Checklist to take photographs of certain individuals. There is a camera available to her.

Erik Jones had written a letter requesting the Historical Society be given a sign being stored at the Library building. The request was approved. The Historical Society had a booth at the farmers market at Boyle's Market recently and it was noted that there was a good turn out.

Randy Burbank reported that he and other department members toured Camp Marist to gain familiarity with the grounds and buildings of the campus. He noted while there, that the changes found necessary at a recent safety inspection have been made and some

recommendations are being done also. He was pleased with the response of the owners. Randy continues to be unable to gain entrance to PK Motel for a safety inspection. He has extended written requests to the owners, and agreed to a requested delay for them to obtain a legal opinion about allowing entrance to rental units. Randy has been working on obtaining entrance for many months to no avail. He reported he feels he is being ignored and is planning to contact the State Fire Marshall to secure an administrative warrant for admission to the property.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Slack requested that the other Board members think about and record what they believe to be goals the Board should address prior to this fall, when budget and Town Meeting matters start occupying a lot of the Board's time. She will also be recording her thoughts on relevant goals.

Selectman Swanick reported that the pellet silo has not been received by the vendor, explaining why it has not been placed at the Municipal Office Building. She had hoped the project would be completed before the end of the month because reporting requirements are such that documentation must be submitted monthly. Gary Gagnon, the contracted installer will be instructing officials and staff on operational issues regarding the pellet boiler system and supplies when the project is complete. Selectman Swanick noted that Gary is providing a second set of ash trays.

Selectman Swanick has received training materials from DES and will be leading a training workshop for the Town's transfer station attendants. The workshop will serve as the annual course required for certification renewal.

Selectman Swanick gave a speech at the Effingham Elementary School 6th grade promotion ceremony. She also presented each of the 6th graders with a dictionary and a certificate of congratulations from the Board of Selectmen.

Roger Steding is back to work at the transfer station. All remarked that he was missed and he is glad to be back.

Selectman Swanick has secured an offsite back up service to the Town's network server.

Selectman Spencer reported that Adam of NRRA will be making a visit to the transfer station next week.

Selectman Spencer reported that he has attended an employment law workshop and made notes to compare with the Town's personnel policy.

The Library meeting room has been patched and repainted.

Selectman Spencer reminded all of a scheduled meeting with Plan NH this Saturday.

Selectman Slack attended a hearing, accompanied by the Town attorney, at the District Court regarding an eviction proceeding. Former property owners desire to contest the Tax Collector's deeding process and the case must be heard by Superior Court.

Selectman Slack reported that former owners of a Town owned property have vacated. They were assisted in finding another residence by a member of the community. Selectman Slack noted that this assistance made a very difficult situation much easier for all. Flowers will be sent in thanks by the Board. The property will be cleaned up and then inspected by the fire chief for safety. This will determine how the Town will approach showing the property to potential bidders for an auction scheduled for September 8th. The properties to be auctioned include one on Pine River Road which the Conservation Commission has been asked to look at to report back on the wetlands value of the property. Selectman Slack will follow up with the Commission chairperson to see if the review has been done.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

The Board approved the Minutes of June 12th and the weekly Manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Pine Tree engineering will be sending a representative to review the updated transfer station study. The Board will try to arrange for a July 10th meeting.

Rebecca Boyden, the Town's zoning enforcement officer, reported on research she has done regarding a section of the steep slopes ordinance that pertains to timber harvesting. She believes the rules set forth applies to a timber harvest about to take place on Hobbs Road. She will be working with the property owner on this issue. Rebecca also informed the Board that she has exhausted all avenues of working with a property owner in violation of the junkyard ordinance. She will now ask one of the Town's police officers to accompany her to the property to take pictures in preparation of court action.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer station attendant Mark Bussiere was asked to attend to address the issue of Effingham residents entitled to transfer station permits violating the rule of no commercial dumping. A notification that the Board will no longer allow this violation to continue will be written and Mark will distribute the notices to those residents that make frequent ongoing visits to the transfer station with volumes of bulky waste that could not reasonably be produced in a normal household.

Bids were opened for the sale of the Town's ambulance. Selectmen were disappointed with the bids, with the highest bidder offering to buy the ambulance for \$15,298. The Board would not accept any of the bids offered, but did not formally reject all the bids. They wanted to think about alternatives before making a final decision.

Ron Evans will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss plans for the second phase of reconstruction of Town House Road.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

none

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman