

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2012

Selectmen present: John Meisner
Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Florence Lemay

Meeting called to order: 7:08 pm

Pre-Discussions: 6:35-7:07 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

Pre-Discussions

Proposal for upcoming road projects:

Ron Evans provided estimates for roadwork, also provided explanations for each one.
(Culverts, Guard Rails, Resurfacing of Roads, etc.)

Fire Department:

Chief Burbank discussed the following:

Specifics of the upcoming HazMat Mitigation Meeting.

When: January 31st, 2012

Where: Town Municipal Offices

Time: 6:30 pm

With: June Garneau, Chief Burbank, Chief Collins

Regulations regarding the Wood Pellet Boiler. The State Fire Marshal's Office stated currently, there are no regulations. Also, informed the Fire Marshal of the yearly inspections and requested his attendance for an inspection. Letters of non-compliance were sent out to Duco Property Services (Ryefield Apts.) and P K Motel with a request to contact the Fire Department to schedule an inspection.

Contacting Chief Thompson of Tuftonboro Fire Department to request a tour of the Wood Pellet system currently in use. Will report back to Selectmen. Selectmen Slack and Swanick requested date and time of tour as they would like to attend.

Placement of "Hopper". It is legal to close the doorway and create a doorway to open from the outside BECAUSE of the new windows.

Zoning Office:

Rebecca Boyden addressed the Wilkinson Swamp Rd. property. Stated she thought the issue was resolved. Needs to pull the file and extract information.

Jory's issue was addressed from February 2011. He wanted to know what the status was. Follow-up is required. (There is a lack of follow-up within the office. A process and procedure needs to be created to resolve this issue.) It was suggested that follow-up occur within 30 days once it's "out there".

Public Hearing

Grant for the Wood Pellet Boiler.

In 2010 the Town of Effingham applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$36,300.00 for the acquisition and installation of a wood pellet boiler for the municipal building. The Selectmen disapproved and denied the stipulations and conditions of the grant. The Selectmen requested a reconsideration of the original proposal. The State granted the request.

** Lyman supplied initial specifications for grant proposal.**

Copies of general information were provided to the public.

The following items were discussed:

Additional Expenses foreseen are asbestos removal, electrical update and freeze alarm. Funding would come out of the Building Maintenance Fund.

Ash removal. Possibly done by the Transfer Station Attendant, Mark.

Because the water tank was included in the original proposal, consideration of purchasing and changing to an on-demand gas water heater was discussed. The number of people in the building have diminished immensely over the years. The water tank currently used is no longer cost effective or energy efficient. The funds for the water heater would come from the Municipal Building Fund.

Water filter; water treatment.

Maintenance of system.

Heat Analysis.

Reconfiguration of boiler room.

Savings will benefit taxpayers.

Henry Spencer inquired where the funds will come from for the administrative process. Also inquired who is being considered to accomplish this process. Selectmen Swanick and Slack informed Mr. Spencer they have asked a couple of people. Florence Lemay is being considered.

Selectmen's Comments and Reports

A review of the Warrant Article requires re-wording of the tax exemptions portion. Gwen is researching "legal" wording.

Selectman Slack mentioned the zoning amendment.

Selectman Slack requested Chief Burbank provide a list of what equipment will be sold with the ambulance.

Selectman Meisner will inquire about the specifics of sealing the roads. Discussion ensued regarding the re-surfacing of the roads. Nothing includes sealing. Review the contract for sealing. Need to consider sealing. Will speak with Ron Evans.

Selectman Swanick and Slack will meet with a heating contractor to see if the boiler room at the Municipal Building can be adapted to house the hopper which will hold wood pellets for the new heating system.

Elected auditor position. Town will vote to elect and compensate \$500.00 for position.

Discussion regarding salt shed replacement. Possibly combining "pots of money" into one. Design footprint. What is the amount of salt stored?

Mentioned Operating Budget.

Review and Approve Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of January 10th and the weekly Manifest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.

John Meisner, Selectman

Date

Susan Slack, Selectman

Theresa Swanick, Selectman