

# **TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

January 29, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Timothy Eldridge  
Theresa Swanick (absent)

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

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

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This week Fire Chief Randy Burbank met with the Select Board for his monthly meeting. Chief Burbank reported the Fire Department will host an EMT refresher course on January 29<sup>th</sup> with 3 department members attending. Regarding generator maintenance, Chief Burbank is searching for companies local to the area who service generators and are willing to do so under contract with the town. After contacting several service providers only Generator Connection of Barrington NH is willing to contract with the town for generator maintenance. The contract will allow for two yearly tune ups. Chief Burbank also reported the heating system at Fire Station #2 is scheduled to be installed on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>

Chief Burbank reported on the recent structure fire in town where personnel were verbally accosted by citizens at the scene. The actions of which proved to be a hindrance for fire department personnel causing some delay in bringing the fire under control.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

Resident Erik Jones asked about the Boston Cane. He was wondering if it would be possible to have a replica made that could be used to carry on the tradition of presenting the cane to the oldest living resident in Effingham. Selectmen Eldridge noted the cane was offered to the eldest resident currently living in town who declined receipt of it. Some discussion also ensued regarding the ambulance contract. Erik also asked the Town Clerk if she would be hosting a "Meet the Candidate's Night." Erik suggested inviting the two candidates running for the seat of Executive Council. He also asked if the propane tanks at the Library were on auto fill because the percentages on each of them were reading low. The Board asked Gwen to contact Amerigas.

Mr. Potter suggested the Selectmen contact our State Representatives regarding the Emergency Medical situation facing Effingham and surrounding communities.

#### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Selectman Spencer reported work continues on the new shed at the Transfer Station. The next step will be placement of the compactors then contacting PSNH to hook up the power supply so

the electrician can finish up.

Selectman Spencer received a request to remove the Town Hall sign from the Masonic Lodge on Town House Road because it is misleading. The building now houses the Library and no longer serves as Town Hall. The Board postponed further discussion on the matter due to time constraints with the budget process and town meeting.

Selectman Spencer asked Randy Burbank if he would oversee the wood pellet boiler which requires monitoring the ash pan and replacement of the water filter. Randy agreed he would take the job. It was also reported the computer monitoring system is now up and operating. Henry also announced he ordered the sink cabinet for the kitchen. Once the cabinet is put in place Apex can finish the plumbing and install the water heater.

Selectmen Eldridge recommends placing a Transfer Station sign at the end of Snow Road which will help those residents who are new to town locate the facility. An application to the Historic District Commission will have to be approved prior to the placement of the sign.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board postponed approving the Minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup> due to an absence on the Board. The weekly manifest was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Eldridge suggested the Board enter into a work session and work on road paving specifications for the final phase of paving Town House Road, as well as, other items for the upcoming Town Meeting. Also, review the grant information from USDA and review estimates for replacing the Salt Shed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Spencer wanted the minutes to reflect the Board could potentially be presented three tax collector deeds in a couple of weeks with two of those properties being occupied.

### **PLANNED DISCUSSION-None**

Selectmen adjourned at 7:00 pm. Selectmen Eldridge and Spencer attended the budget committee meeting.

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Henry Spencer, Selectman

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Theresa Swanick, Selectman

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Timothy Eldridge, Selectman