

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2012

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

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Nelson solicited support in his effort to become a State Representative.

At 6:50 Chairman Slack commenced the public hearing held to discuss requiring the purchase of coupons to dispose of electronic components or tires at the transfer station. The date of implementation is January 1, 2013. The tax collector has agreed to place a notice about the implementation of this change on the tax bills which will be going out soon. Coupons will be obtained at the Selectmen's office and the procedure and policies for obtaining these coupons will be essentially the same as ones regulating the issuance of transfer station permits. The cost of an electronic component disposal coupon will be \$10.00 and a tire disposal coupon will be \$2.00. After minimal public comment on this issue, the regular meeting resumed.

Randy Burbank oversaw the logistics in transferring the ambulance to the Massachusetts town that purchased it. Randy explained that his budget has not been submitted due to insufficient information he is attempting to obtain. He inquired if he should factor in a raise for his secretary in his budget. Selectman Slack explained that this issue has not been discussed amongst the Board members yet.

Erik Jones reported that there is little progress in creating interest in the possibility of Plan NH providing assistance in town planning for the use and development of the Town's historic district. Selectman Slack said it was a disappointment to her that more did not see the positive impact this assistance may produce, but conceded that there must be a constituency that supports participation in order to secure the assistance of Plan NH or implement the suggestions offered. Erik also offered a suggestion for the Board to consider holding an open house prior to the sign up period for candidacy for open

positions on Boards for the March 2013 election. He felt that there may be more people interested in running for a seat on a Board if they knew what the objectives of any given Board is and the responsibilities inherent in sitting on any of the Boards. All in attendance thought that was a very productive suggestion. It was also noted that this open house could be held in conjunction with a proposed open house to invite people to see the new wood pellet boiler.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen will be in attendance at the polls on Tuesday, Election Day. It is expected to be a busy day for all election personnel.

Selectman Spencer was able to contact the welder that has agreed to repair and improve the gate at the transfer station. It is expected the job will be done next week.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board was unable to approve the Minutes of October 30th since Selectman Swanick was not present at the meeting and Selectman Spencer was not in attendance last week. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen will meet with representatives of Waste Management Tuesday to discuss changes to the transfer station. Needed changes include a power upgrade and purchase of a compactor.

A local realtor solicited to provide a market value estimate for a Town owned tax deeded property on School Street, has not been in contact with the Selectmen's office. He will be contacted for an update regarding this request.

NEW BUSINESS

Jill Piekut was appointed to the Agricultural Commission. She will complete the term of office that Carol Phister was elected to. Carol resigned from the Commission. There is still a vacancy on that Commission.

The road contractor will be asked to provide the cost of clean up work for damages caused by the recent wind/rain storm.

PLANNED DISCUSSION
None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman