

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2012

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

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neal Boyle attended the meeting to announce that he is running for the office of County Commissioner. He is currently a Selectman in Freedom. He spoke briefly about what issues he would address as Commissioner.

Randy Burbank reported that he will be presenting a bill to the Town of Parsonsfield for supplies, as allowed for in the terms of mutual aid between the two towns. He has arranged for an inspection of PK Motel with the State Fire Marshall and notified management of that business of the time and date of inspection. Randy reported that there was a forest fire on Green Mountain started by a lightning strike. It was difficult to locate because the fire was smoldering underground. The fire took 8 hours to extinguish. Fire Department members have developed guidelines for a junior firefighters program and Randy presented them to the Board for review. Randy has looked at the dry hydrant located on a property on Town House Road. The hydrant is not operable and will be removed.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Swanick reported that she met on site with members of the structural engineering firm, HEB, contracted to evaluate the snow weight limit of the roof at the Municipal Office Building. She provided the inspectors with building specifications, which they agreed to have converted to digital format. Selectman Swanick was impressed with how thorough the visual inspection was and she plans to keep other trusted parties, familiar with construction requirements, abreast of information as she receives it for additional input.

Selectman Swanick has met with contractors to get estimates on the removal of fiberglass insulation above the ceiling tiles at the Municipal Office Building.

Selectman Swanick was present for the commissioning of the new wood pellet boiler system at the Municipal Office Building. The commissioning was done by a member of Jordan Institute with others in attendance including Gary Gagnon who installed the system. She reported that the system is fully functional. Jordan Institute will be providing a written report of their findings. At another time, a training session for Town employees and the Fire Chief will be planned to acquaint them with the general operation and maintenance of the system.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of July 17th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Covered above

NEW BUSINESS

Covered above

PLANNED DISCUSSION

At 8:00 pm the Board entered into non-public session for a personnel issue, as requested by Police Chief Joseph Collins. He informed the Selectmen that he has accepted an offer of employment as Police Chief of another town and submitted a letter of resignation.

The non-public session and weekly meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman