

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Effingham Conservation Commission Members Emelyn Albert and Jack Williams attended the meeting to discuss increasing the invasive aquatic plant capital reserve fund. A total of \$3575.00 was spent on invasive aquatic plant eradication in 2012. The Commission is asking for an increase of \$1500.00 to the capital reserve fund. The Commission members do not anticipate a complete and total eradication of the invasive plant species therefore, the need to appropriate funds for the removal of this plant will be necessary for years to come. Emelyn also noted each town is responsible for the invasive aquatic plant clean up within their borders. The invasive aquatic plant budget for the towns of Freedom and Ossipee are substantially higher than that of Effingham because larger water bodies are contained within their borders.

Resident Diana Libby addressed the board regarding an issue with road plowing. She claims Ron Evans is plowing along the edge of her property on Route 153S and plowing under her reflectors and posts. The board will talk to Ron about the matter.

Chief Burbank noted that he found a few errors in the newly drafted Emergency Operations Plan which he will address. Chief Burbank was pleased the budget committee approved the Fire Departments revised budget. He also noted the Fire Department will have open hours at the Fire Station on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm after the first of the year.

The Selectmen thanked Chief Burbank and the Fire Department members for hosting the Christmas gathering on December 12, 2012

Chief Burbank and Fire Department members were collecting coats and other winter wear for students in need at the Effingham Elementary School. He announced they had received monetary donations and will visit a couple stores in North Conway to purchase the much needed winter gear.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer commented on how much adding the carpet and weatherization at the Library improved the efficiency of the heat source and the difference was immediately noticeable.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of December 11th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick raised discussion regarding the replacement of the Transfer Station Shed and some design improvements to be made. She is working on shed specifications and raised the issue of a needed heat source. A constant temperature has to be maintained to prevent the Variable Frequency Drive from freezing. Selectmen discussed options for a heat source. Selectman Swanick will gather information on self-contained propane heat sources to be reviewed at a later meeting.

Selectmen reviewed the quotes for 2 yard and 4 yard compactors both new and used and the cost of leasing versus the cost to purchase. The goal is running the Transfer Station more efficiently, save on hauling costs and making it safer for both the attendants and patrons.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Slack made a motion to carry over \$465.00 from the Zoning Budget to pay Cartographic Associates for the Province Lake Maps ordered by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Swanick and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for a meeting on January 2nd, 2013 and decided they would not schedule a meeting, however, if something should arise they would post and hold a meeting.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

No planned discussion

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman