

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

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The Board met in non-public session for a personnel issue at 6:00 pm. They met with Police Chief Collins who has offered his resignation and Sergeant Butts. Present responsibilities of the Chief position were discussed as well as suggestions about future plans concerning the police department.

The non-public session was adjourned at 7:00 pm and a scheduled public hearing regarding charging fees at the transfer station for disposal of tires and electronic devices commenced. Several members of the community attended to voice their opinion about charging fees for these items. The general consensus revealed an open minded opinion about charging fees for these items, with reservations concerning implementation and notification. Concerns regarding an increased occurrence of roadside disposal of these items were also brought forward. The Board will take the input offered, and develop a more detailed outline of logistics addressing resident's concerns. It was suggested another public hearing be held prior to final implementation. The public hearing was brought to a close at 7:30 pm.

The weekly Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:30.

The Board announced they regretfully accepted the resignation of Police Chief Joseph Collins. He will be joining another department as Chief of Police. No announcement was made regarding a replacement for his position.

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Reed from the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health introduced herself to the Board and briefly described her position as administrator of the program. She then reported that she has condensed the written regional health plan to be more user friendly and presented the revised format to the Board. She noted how much she appreciated that we have a number of people from the Town of Effingham willing to participate in a volunteer capacity; noting that trained volunteers are a necessity if or when an emergency

arises that causes the need for activation of the plan.

A resident living off Libby Road asked permission to clear the culvert on the Class VI portion of Libby Road to allow for free flow of water run off. He was granted permission to do so.

At 7:45 the Board voted to go in to non-public session to discuss a payment plan with a taxpayer who is facing deeding of her primary residence. A plan was approved. The non-public session was adjourned at 7:55 with public session resuming immediately.

Randy Burbank presented a draft of rules and guidelines for a proposed junior firefighter program. The Board had several questions and comments regarding the proposed program and requested some revisions be made. The Board will review the revised documentation when completed.

Cheryle Feirick reported that she and her fellow supervisors of the checklist continue to try to enlist someone to act as moderator until the March 2013 election.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on fire and rescue calls.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Swanick reported that the structural engineer's research regarding the snow weight limit of the roof of the Municipal Office Building lead to the conclusion that blown in insulation to the inside of the roof was not recommended. The engineer suggested that insulation could be added to the top of the roof if it were to be rebuilt. An estimate will be secured for the replacement of the roof including additional insulation. In any case, Selectman Swanick is looking into removing the layer of fiberglass insulation that now rests on top of the ceiling tiles. She has secured an estimate of \$2900 for that project from a vendor that is certified in asbestos removal.

A representative at NRRA made a visit to the transfer station and will make suggestions for changes that may benefit the Town financially and other improvements to the facility. Selectman Swanick will be looking to find what USDA funding may be available for improvements made to the Transfer Station. In the meantime, Selectman Spencer has found scaffolding that he feels may be used as a safer method to assist in the manual distribution of commingled materials in the container. He was asked to get a picture of the apparatus so his fellow Selectmen can see it before they give an opinion.

Selectman Swanick reported that the Planning Board is looking into changing verbiage in the zoning ordinance to a section applying to timber harvests.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of July 24th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick continues to work with the New Hampshire Retirement System to clarify a ruling on the status of dog officer compensation that Chief Collins has earned. She has recently been communicating in writing with their legal department and discussed with other Board members that she feels it prudent to now communicate directly with the attorney working with her. All agreed to going forward in that initiative.

Selectman Spencer inquired about modifying the job description of the supervisor at the transfer station. He was told that this will be looked at soon.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to authorize Selectman Swanick to submit a grant request to provide additional funding for further improvements that would make the newly installed wood pellet system at the Municipal Office Building work more efficiently.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman