

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

September 4, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack  
Theresa Swanick  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

At 7:00 pm the Board opened the Public Hearing held to discuss accepting \$15,500 of grant funding to complete the energy efficiency improvements approved to complete the wood pellet heating distribution system. Selectman Slack gave a brief explanation of the project including the work being provided by the current grant funding. The hearing was adjourned at 7:08 to proceed with the regular weekly meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Witham requested an update on cemetery maintenance for the remainder of the year. Selectman Spencer reported that there are not enough remaining funds to mow again this year. Ron also asked why the Tri-County sponsored transportation system is not available to pick up Effingham residents, considering that funding for this service was approved by Town Meeting voters. Selectman Spencer agreed to look into that issue further.

Blair Foltz reported that the Green Mountain Conservation Group is fund raising to purchase property in the Phillips Brook wetlands area, which has been declared a valuable wetlands asset with diverse wildlife habitat. The Group is pursuing grant funding to complete this purchase and solicited the Board's support in that effort. Selectman Slack disclosed she is a member of the Board of the GMCG, but no one felt that there was a conflict of interest in her participating in the unanimous vote of support offered by the Board.

Fire Chief, Randy Burbank reported the ISO reporting agency has requested a 50 year drought study and the water recovery rate for water bodies being used as water supply in emergency situations. Blair Foltz felt there may be financial and practical assistance

available for this project in conjunction with other ongoing studies. She will confer with Randy as she researches these possibilities.

Randy Burbank presented a hazardous materials ordinance for the Selectmen to review. He also reported that he completed an inspection of the buildings at Lakeview used for schooling. He saw some infractions which he instructed them to correct. He also informed officials that he will be returning to inspect the other buildings within that facility.

Cheryle Feirick inquired about when it is expected that the electrical work at the Library will be completed. It has already been completed.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

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

The Town will be holding an auction for the sale of some town-owned properties on Saturday at 10:00 am.

There has not been any progress in moving the State owned forestry vehicle from Moultonborough. Fire Warden Thompson must initiate this transfer.

Selectman Spencer reported that he has been added to an e-mail list serve for health officers. He has found the input to be very informative and helpful. He also feels more confident that he can get viable information on subjects that may come up in his duties overseeing health issues.

Carol Shea Porter has announced she will be meeting with constituents at the Poor People's Pub on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

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

The Board approved the Minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup> and the weekly manifest.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The new heating system has been completed, excepting some minor items to be finished which do not effect the functioning of the system.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No bids were submitted for the sale of the town's ambulance. Randy Burbank has been told by some parties that a town vote would be necessary to complete a purchase of the ambulance. The Board will contemplate what to do from here.

Province Lake Association has invited Board members to become honorary members of the organization. All were willing to accept that inclusion.

Next week, the weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday instead of Tuesday, due to the State Primary election.

## **PLANNED DISCUSSION**

None

The Board voted unanimously at 8:05 to enter into non-public session to discuss a financial issue presented in writing by a resident. The topic of discussion regarded a prearranged payment agreement for delinquent taxes. The Board will notify the property owner that a deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup> will be enforced.

At 8:15 the Board came out of non-public session to discuss contacting the Trustees of Trust Funds to discuss the ongoing issue of one member continuing to hold the checkbook at his home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Susan Slack, Selectman

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