

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:45 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rod Lanum requested the Board consider adding lines to a section of Town House Road which he considers to be a dangerous curve. The Board is looking into the possibility of adding lines to sections of the pavement at the transfer station, so they will have a better understanding of that issue in the near future and will take Mr. Lanum's request under consideration.

Fire Chief Burbank reported the narrow banding of all fire department radios and the emergency base station at the Municipal Building has been completed. He noted this has been completed well before the Federal deadline for reprogramming. Chief Burbank, a fire marshal and four other officials will be performing a life safety inspection of Camp Marist on Wednesday. Randy continues to attempt to make contact with management of PK Motel to arrange for a life safety inspection there. He is documenting his requests for future reference. The fire department will be holding a yard sale on May 26th and Randy requested an announcement be posted on the Town's website. It was agreed that it would be posted.

Blair Foltz of the Green Mountain Conservation Group announced some upcoming events. She also thanked Chief Burbank for responding to a call to her home which was necessitated by a smoldering hot water tank. Blair asked for Board assistance to address a safety issue at the intersection of Route 25 and Route 153 South. The white line on Route 25 is not broken at the turn of the intersection and without demarcation, it is a difficult turn to make, particularly at night.

Jim Morris requested guidance on how to proceed with enforcement action against people

riding on his property with 4 wheelers. He was instructed to contact the Sheriff's office when the vehicles are there. If the vehicles are traveling through the woods the Department of Fish and Game would be involved in enforcement action.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly report on Fire Department calls. Last weekend Jonathan participated in the Special Olympic regional area games and returned with ribbons for his participation and performance.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Swanick made a visit to the Freedom transfer station to find the facility operates with single stream recycling.

Butch Burbank, a representative of the Town's liability insurer will tour the transfer station on Wednesday for a safety review. At a recent visit there Board members noted that the shed at the transfer station is in very poor condition.

Emelyn Albert had questions about how to access the Conservation Commission's funds. She had approached a trustee of trust funds and did not understand fully the information she was given. She asked for clarification about how to access the Aquatic Plant fund previously established.

Selectman Spencer reported that he has continued to try to reach David Manly to get instruction on how to locate and demark a gravesite for interment purposes. David has not returned his calls to date. The Historic District Commission is planning to meet with Plan NH to discuss the Lord's Hill area.

The list of town owned properties to be auctioned will be revised to include a lot that was missing from the auctioneers list and remove one that will be considered for the Effingham Conservation Commission.

Selectman Slack was pleased to see that Steve DeWick of Pine Tree Engineering acknowledged the accuracy of her letter stating the Board's conclusion that the transfer station study commissioned to them was not completed in a manner consistent to the proposal submitted for the study. The Board was offered the option of receiving a credit for the inadequate information or allowing the firm to complete the study per specifications. The Board will advise the firm that they will accept the option of the study being finished with a draft submitted to the Board followed by a meeting with Mr. DeWick.

All were reminded that there is a Hazard Mitigation meeting on the 23rd of May at 6:30.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

The Board approved the non-public Minutes of May 1st and the weekly Manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Board members questioned Jeff Libby to find if he knew of any reason why the Board should not grant a waiver to allow a logger to transport timber from a lot on Hobbs Road, to exceed the 30 ton posted weight limit. He said he could think of no reason why a waiver should not be granted. The owner of the lot has submitted a driveway permit and an “intent to cut” form for the timber harvest.

Florence Lemay will need to attend a session of instruction on reporting in accordance with the rules of the Bacon Davis Act. This reporting will be one of the required elements in the documentation related to the grant funded wood pellet boiler system which is to be installed.

Two advertisements were drafted for the sale of the Town’s ambulance. It was determined that the shorter advertisement will be posted in news publications and the Local Government Center website. Additional information contained in the longer advertisement will be listed on the Town’s website.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Selectmen executed the first issue 2012 property tax warrant.

Selectman Swanick has secured additional grant funding to oversee the installation of the wood pellet boiler system and to install a separate zone thermostat in the Selectmen’s office. The grant increase amounted to \$4995.00 and all members of the Board unanimously voted to accept the increased funding for these purposes. Selectman Swanick will revise the specifications of the two projects and each will be advertised. The Board again voted unanimously to accept the revisions that will be made to the specifications. Proposals will be due on May 15th. A contract for the wood pellet system hardware components, pellet storage unit and installation will be drafted and approved next week.

Board members will meet with Ron Evans on Monday, May 14th to discuss phase 2 of the Town House Road reconstruction project.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board invited Town Forester Jeff Libby, transfer station Supervisor Mark Bussiere and Ron Evans the road contractor to discuss moving the location of the burn pit at the transfer station. The District Forest Ranger and Fire Warden Richard Thompson have

determined the pit is now located too close to the tree line. When moved it is likely trees will need to be removed and certainly, heavy equipment will be needed to relocate it. All will inspect the site and make recommendations in their respective tasks. Another water source and a fire hose will be required also.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman