

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2014

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer
Timothy Eldridge
Theresa Swanick

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Potter reported that Tom Thompson has resigned from the Historic District Commission. His resignation was expected. When Tom accepted his appointment to the Commission, he promised only to fill a vacancy for a short period of time. Mr. Potter thought it prudent that the Board of Selectmen keep Tom in mind if a vacancy exists on any other Town board or committee that needs to be filled for quorum requirements.

Erik Jones announced that the Masons will be opening the second floor of the Town Hall/Library building for the annual "open house" event. The Library will be open in conjunction with that event. Erik asked Selectmen if they would approve letting attendees go to the third level to see the view. Selectmen denied permission, stating the areas above the second level of the building are not safe enough for use by the general public.

Randy Burbank reported that 3 members of the Fire Department have taken a refresher course to maintain their EMT/EMR certification. After a question presented by the Board, Randy reported that the problems with dispatch call-outs are not resolved. A letter will be written to the Sheriff's office to see if there is any resolution to the current issues. During the discussion, Chris Seamans offered additional information pertinent to the discussion. When the Sheriff presented the County Commissioners with his budget this year, which included an appropriation for funding to upgrade communications if approved for grant funding, the commissioners removed the request for appropriation. All were hoping the available grant funding for communications which had been applied for, would be secured, thus resolving this issue. Randy further reported that he has found a vendor to perform preventative maintenance on the Town's three emergency generators. Selectmen inquired about the grant funding application submitted for an all purpose vehicle. Randy has not received any information about that, and does not expect to until later in the year.

Chris Seamans voiced concerns about the paving that has been put down on Town House Road over the past couple of years. He noted that although the current vendor has worked with the Town of Effingham for many years, perhaps the Board should more aggressively pursue other companies to present proposals.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer reported that the electrical work in the new attendant's shed at the transfer station is completed. The electrician and the company providing the power drive source and compactors are in communications to coordinate a time when both can meet to install the drive and one compactor. The first compactor on site will be a used compactor. The new one that has been ordered has been returned to the manufacturer for repair of defects recently found.

Selectman Eldridge is drafting a request for proposals for paving.

All Board members attended the Budget Committee meeting last week.

Frost heave signs are being placed in necessary locations throughout town.

The Historic District Commission requested that the Selectmen discuss with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the subject of building permits issued within the borders of the Historic District.

Two of the transfer station attendants will be attending the next certification class held by DES.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of February 4th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen will be reviewing Selectman Eldridge's draft of a Selectman's handbook of policies and procedures.

The new heating system has not been installed in Fire Station #2.

CarePlus has not submitted an EMS contract yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen signed the 2014 Town Warrant.

Selectmen will be holding a work session soon to amend the current road contracts.

Selectman agreed that a power point presentation may help voters to understand what issues they will be voting on, such as replacement of the salt shed, dirt road reconstruction, purchase of a new police vehicle and improvements to the transfer station.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

Selectmen held a work session to discuss the Selectmen's handbook and other business discussed above.

Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Henry Spencer, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Timothy Eldridge, Selectman