

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack (absent)
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

At 6:05 pm the Board met in non-public session with Police Chief Butts and the prospective new hire for the Effingham Police Department. Selectmen voted unanimously to endorse Chief Butt's decision to offer conditional employment so Chief Butts can begin the background check and access the personnel file. After successful completion of all necessary checks an offer of formal employment will be rendered.

The Board adjourned the non-public session at 6:30pm.

The regular scheduled meeting was called to order @ 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Leo Racine asked the Board when they thought this phase of Town House Road reconstruction will be complete. His concern is over the delay in paving the road. Selectmen Spencer noted there was a scheduling issue with the paving contractor but anticipates the paving will take place during mid October.

Resident Maureen Spencer expressed her dissatisfaction over the dirt section of Town House Road being left in such deplorable conditions for as long as it had been, even though it's recently been graded. Ms. Spencer hopes it will not be left to deteriorate to that degree again. Ms. Spencer also requested the following comment be added to the minutes as she expressed her disdain as a taxpayer over the fact she did not receive a reply from Selectman Slack after several email attempts to gather information regarding the condition of Town House Road.

Mr. Potter brought to the Boards attention the letter from the Effingham Historical Society dated September 21, 2012 regarding the state of the stone walls along Town House Road during the recent road reconstruction. Selectman Swanick will follow up with Selectman Slack and Evans Brothers regarding the concerns as outlined in the letter.

Resident Ron Witham raised the issue that Carroll County Transit could not confirm whether or not the bus would come to Effingham once a week as residents were previously told at Town Meeting in March. Selectman Spencer is going to look further into this matter because taxpayers at the Town Meeting in March voted to approve a request for \$3,000.00 on the premise that the bus would be scheduled for an Effingham stop once a week. Mr. Witham also raised the question of mowing for the town cemeteries and it was noted that no further funds are available.

Resident Eric Jones reported on the recent tour he conducted in Effingham with Brewster Academy Alumni. He had approximately 12 in attendance and all were pleasantly surprised at some of the gems here in Effingham one of which was the Masonic Temple and Town Hall located on Town House Road.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank mentioned there will be a meeting of the Joint Loss Management Committee on October 16th at 4:00pm at the Municipal Building. The need for new members will be placed on the agenda. Fire Chief Burbank is still waiting for an update from the State Fire Marshalls Office on the P.K. Motel audit. Fire Chief Burbank also thanked Selectman Spencer for helping with the cleanup of the Fire Department in preparation of the upcoming open house. Watch the newspaper for details. The State of New Hampshire Forestry Vehicle on loan to the town has been placed into service. Selectmen will continue the discussion at next weeks meeting on what to do with the 1971 forestry truck now that it has been taken out of service. Resident Maynard Young commented there might be more value in the '71 forestry truck if it were sold off as scrap metal.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen Spencer and Swanick reviewed information from the previous weeks meeting in order to bring Selectman Swanick up to speed since she had been out on vacation.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board held off approving the Minutes of September 18th due to the absence of Selectman Slack. The weekly manifest was signed.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Spencer noted in regards to the staging he thought might be appropriate for between the containers at the Transfer Station that Attendant Mark Bussiere discussed the possibility with some of the drivers for Waste Management and it was determined that the pad beneath the containers wasn't wide enough to support staging. Selectman Spencer referred to the Pine Tree Engineering report which recommends increasing the size of the pad.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen Spencer noted that on October 15, 2012 a fire and health inspection is schedule at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman