

**Town of Sweden**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
February 26, 2013

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, Warren Noble, James Willey, Meg Dyer, Bob Drew.

Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 pm then called the meeting to order. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2013. Lori asked for a wording correction, recommendation on Article 25. The minutes were passed with this correction to be made (done).

Unscheduled citizens business: Bob Drew, Lovell Selectman and Meg Ryan, Rec Director, are asking the towns that use this program to donate more to the program. Sweden was asked for \$500.00 more this year than in previous years – 7 ½ % of population use. The total for contributions is \$50,700.00, collectively. They will average the most current 10 year periods for their request. The increase will be implemented over a period of approximately five years. In 2012 Sweden had 42 children in the program compared to 23 in 2006. Lovell rec does have some scholarships available for those who might need one.

James Willey spoke about the sand that was pushed off the asphalt onto the embankment. This is a concern that the salt might leach into the ground water and affect Louise Willey's well. This needs to be removed. Who is responsible, town or contractor? Wayne said that the town is responsible and would see that it got done. He also complained about the roads during the last storm that did not get plowed in a timely manner. Vehicles were having trouble traveling the main roads, which is a safety issue. It appears that the trucks were not out full time during the snow storm. Warren Noble also voiced these same complaints.

Finance – DJ: The Selectmen had to revote on some articles for the town report. Wayne made a motion, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> it, voted and passed as follows: Article 7: To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for Town Charges for the ensuing year. Selectmen recommend (3-0) \$47,000. Budget Committee recommends (2-0) \$47,000.

Wayne made a motion to change article 7a to \$17,000, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> it, voted and passed 3-0:  
**Article 7a.** To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of purchase of a Municipal Software program (includes training, first year annual maintenance and accessories) and allow the balance to carry forward. Selectmen recommend taking from Surplus (3-0) \$17,000.00. Budget Committee Recommends take from surplus (2-0) \$17,000.

Article 10, Wayne made a motion to change the amount to \$35,795 for Lovell Dump. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin, voted and passed.

Article 38, which was originally Article 40, regarding the purchase of the Center School House was reviewed to make sure wording was correct.

DJ will be taking the town report to print on Friday 03/01/2013 and ordering 500 copies. Lori is to write a dedication page to all the volunteers.

Wayne made a motion to appoint Diana J. Curtis as Selectmen's Assistance for a period of three (3) years. Kristin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it was voted and passed (3-0).



**147 BRIDGTON ROAD, SWEDEN, MAINE 04040**

**Department Report- February 26, 2013**

**Calls:** There have been three requests for service during the reporting period. Call number 13-004 was for a chimney fire, call 13-005 was for a dump truck rollover, and call 13-006 was an assist for United Ambulance Service.

**Meetings and Trainings:** February 28<sup>th</sup> we will also be hosting a First Aid/CPR refresher training conducted by United Ambulance Service. This class is also open to any other interested town personnel. Bridgton has not yet set a date for the Haz Mat Refresher, so we are waiting to hear from them.

**Expenses:** Payroll: \$135.00, a total of 6 calls, and 5 trainings paid

Total of invoices submitted: \$2076.34, including worker's comp premium, phone service, compressed air permit, building needs.

We're continuing to try to get vendors to be more accurate and timely with billing.

**Annual Testing:** We're just waiting for UL to return to inspect the roof hook retrofit.

**Comments:** All is well, the calls have been covered, the mutual aid system worked well, and we continue to move forward with two new members recruited in the last month. Both are certified Firefighters and apparatus Driver/Operators.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corin Meehan, Fire Chief

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Road Commissioners Report  
1/22/13 - 2/12/13

**Work done since last report:**

Fixed some bump signs on Hardscrabble Rd.

**Work to be done in the next month:**

Put stone dust in frost heaves and pot holes where needed. Put signs up on Hardscrabble Rd. to read: Bumps next 3. ? Miles (will be the approximate mileage), GO SLOW - USE CAUTION. Work to be done by Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc.

**Expenses:**

Molloy Energy - \$7,044.00 135 hrs. & 357 yds. sand & salt- winter road acct.

C. F. Barker Jr. - \$3,145.00 37 hrs. hauling sand to sand shed 8 hrs. trucking on 2/19/13 , 13 hrs. trucking on 2/21/13, 16 hrs. trucking on 2/22/13. Winter road acct.

International salt - 5 load of salt - 163.22 ton on 2/11/13 Winter road acct.

**Anticipated Expenses:**

Molloy Energy - Plowing bill

Bill from PFU for grade stakes

**Comments or Issues:**

2/24/13 - Received a complaint at 10:02 am that Route 93 going towards Bridgton was not plowed and that other roads were not plowed as well and the roads were slippery and this person almost went off the road twice.

2/25/13 Received a complaint from the school bus driver at 7:53 am. that Haskell Hill, Marr Rd., Plummer School Rd. and Hardscrabble Rd. had not been plowed and there was 2"-3" of snow on these roads.

Received a complaint at 12:25pm that his road was not plowed. Spoke to him at 12:56 pm. to confirm that his road was still not plowed and he confirmed that it was not.

Lori asked about putting signs at both ends of Hardscrabble road advising travelers about the rough road for 3 miles and to use speed appropriate to the condition. Selectmen thought this would be a great idea. She will see what she can do.

Town Clerk – Alberta reported a complaint about a broken mailbox.

I had a request to look into Circuit Breaker Tax or the deferred tax program. She requested to close the town office Tuesday 03/05/13 until 3:30 pm due to training for the MOSES program. Okay by selectmen.

Old Business: Foreclosure that was tabled last meeting.

Robin Sanderson, Clough Hill property. Wayne made a motion to approve and sign the land purchase installment contract for Robin Sanderson. Kristin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it was voted and passed.

Arthur Memorial: Wayne contacted and spoke with Jeff about this problem Jeff assured him it would be okay to extend the payment. Wayne will turn everything over to Richard Lyman, president of the Historical Society.

New Business: The town hall had a broken faucet and water was everywhere. Wayne purchased a new faucet and Jason Wentworth installed it. The hot water heater was not working so we called Woodstock Oil to fix it.

Communications:

- A. DHHS –Wayne and Lori received their certificates for General Assistance Training.
- B. Swan Screen Printing – Heavy Loads Limited Signs. This was filed for future reference as we have plenty on hand.
- C. Senator Susan Collins – Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes was received and posted on the bulletin board.
- D. Senator Angus King – Report from Washington on file, just to keep us in touch with our congressman.

Next board meeting will be March 12, 2013

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Kristin 2<sup>nd</sup> it, voted and passed.

Respectfully

Alberta Ridlon