

**Town of Sweden  
Selectmen's meeting  
March 12, 2013**

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, James Willey, Eric Gulbrandson.

Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:07 pm and then called the meeting to order. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of February 26 with corrections specified. Kristin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it was voted and passed.

Reports of Departments:

ACO-Jacquie Frye: Report also on file.

Feb. 21, 2013 call to Ed York's – 2<sup>nd</sup> complaint dogs being left out without proper shelters. I made two follow up calls to check for compliance. Okay.

Question asked – Do I get paid for follow up calls. The board agreed to pay one way for return calls.

I will be attending an Equine Awareness Rescue Training class on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pineland Farms. This goes toward 8 hours advanced ACO training.

**CEO – Eric Gulbrandson:**

Town of Sweden  
147 Bridgton Road  
Sweden, ME 04040

Date: February 28, 2013

**CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

1. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

Pietree LLC, R2,35, 804 Waterford Rd., 14'x 20' addition to farm stand \$175.00                      Tabitha  
King, R2,16, 53 Marr Rd. deck renovation      \$69.16

2. R. V. PERMITS ISSUED:

NONE

3. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED:

NONE

4. VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED:

NONE

5. TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS:

NONE

6. OTHER:

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



**Fire Chief – Coran Meehan:**

**147 BRIDGTON ROAD, SWEDEN, MAINE 04040  
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**Department Report- March 12, 2013**

**Calls:** There was one request for service during the reporting period, a motor vehicle crash with injury  
**Meetings and Trainings:** Our CPR/First Aid refresher was cancelled by the instructing agency due to weather, and has been rescheduled for the 21st of this month. Several members attended a class on Size-up/Initial Fireground Tactics and Strategy, and we are working on putting together a state Pumps I

class in order to train newer recruits in all aspects of basic fire pump operations, provide current members with refresher training and new skills, and participate in an entire weekend of training with mutual aid departments. The class will be free of charge other than our fuel costs, and state certification is provided.

**Expenses:** \$910.00- Fire Tech & Safety; hand tools and water supply equipment, \$33.50- Concentra Medical; for a SCBA medical evaluation. The Fire Tech and Safety bill is covered by the SVFA capital improvement fund. The gas meter that we purchased last year has not still not been billed despite repeated requests over the last 6 months. However, our sales rep has saved us literally thousands of dollars and helped us attain progress, via third party donations, that we wouldn't have been able to make otherwise, so I am hesitant to push too hard on the issue. Capital purchases (aside from unforeseen replacements of equipment due to damage or loss) from this point on shall be on a planned cycle, so that we can ensure that all paperwork comes in during the current budget year. I am still adjusting to the learning curve(s) and to be frank, the conditions we are working under require ongoing adjustments. On a related note, with our recent recruiting, it is now possible to begin delegating some of the day-to-day operational tasks and needs that are normally completed by firefighters and company officers in most departments. This should begin to relieve my workload a little, and enable me to work on more of our long term strategic planning needs and improve administrative workflow. Time, as with any position of this nature, is always at a premium and over the last few months, juggling the changes in my employment has not allowed me enough hours to meet the myriad of needs that we are still trying to address as quickly as I prefer to.

**Comments:** Despite a well-prepared grant package, our application to the King Foundation for funding for protective clothing was denied. This is an extremely competitive grant program and unfortunately, public safety projects are not the foundation's focus during this cycle. I will be reapplying for the next cycle as well as submitting other grant proposals for this and other needs.

The good news is that communication is ongoing with several private donors who who have expressed interest in assisting us with some upgrades and improvements to the infrastructure. The bay door for the engine bay has greatly degraded over this winter, requiring some repairs and work from greatly increased warping and gapping. We are hoping that we will be able to replace this door, and rebuild the frame, with a newer insulated model that will not be subject to damage and operational deficiency by the elements, and will greatly reduce the extreme heat loss and attendant heating oil costs. Also, due to multiple power failures and corresponding loss of heating, the need for a standing generator with an auto start function is becoming greater. This will hopefully be the jumping off point for our new fundraiser program this spring. Respectfully Submitted, Corin Meehan, Fire Chief

### **Road Commissioner – John Clifford**

RMS Software: Wayne made a motion to purchase this software for \$75.00. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was voted and passed. The purchase includes 2 hours training to get it operational. Julie McQueen is willing to work with Lori on this project.

There will be aLocal Roads workshop on 3/19 in Lewiston. \$40.00 1st attending and \$25 for each additional. Wayne made a motion to allow three to attend. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it was voted and passed.

Road Commissioners Report  
2/27/13 - 3/12/13

#### **Work done since last report:**

Fixed some bump signs on Hardscrabble Rd. and Black Mtn. Rd., Posted roads with heavy loads limited signs.

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

Put stone dust in frost heaves and pot holes where needed on Hardscrabble Rd., Webber Pond Rd. and Plummer School Rd. 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 - Plowing contract - \$11,932.00 Sanding bill - 40 hrs. @\$35.00 & 9 hrs. @\$70.00= \$2030.00. 123 yards of sand @\$2.00= \$246 - winter road acct.

Paris Farmers Union - \$26.75 Grade stakes -Winter Road Acct.

Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc. - \$520.00 Cleaning up sand & salt from around tar. -Winter Road Acct.

Murch Inc. - 19.5 hrs. trucking sand @ \$75.00 & 684 yards - \$4,446.00 - Winter Road Acct.  
International Salt - \$3287.20 – 65.3 ton

**Anticipated Expenses:**

None

**Comments or Issues:**

I have signs for Hardscrabble Rd., they just need to get painted or written on.

James Wiley talked with Ken Littlefield regarding town/state program for road repairs on route 93. Ken is the DOT foreman for this region.

Selectmen discussed putting up barriers on Black Mountain Road during mud season. They will be placed on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Wayne made a motion to adopt 'Town of Sweden rules of Procedure' for future board meetings. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> it, was voted and passed.

Wayne made a motion to get a lock mailbox for the town office. Kristin 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was voted and passed.

Wayne will take care of this. (the current one is broken).

**Communication and Bills:**

MMWAC mailed us 2012 material summery, will be on file.

DHHS – reimbursement Rate for 2013 will be left at a 50% reimbursement.

Oxford County Commissioners' county Tax assessment form was signed will be returned as soon as the assessment is completed.

**Financial Reports – DJ Curtis:**

The town is in good cash condition with the checking account. She passed out winter and summer road reports to the selectmen.

The next meeting will be March 26, 2013.

Wayne made a motion at 7:50 pm to adjourn. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin, voted and passed.