

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
July 9, 2013

Attendance: Lori Bennett, C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, Sarah Rose and Diana Curtis.

Lori called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to accept the minutes of June 11, 2013. Kristin 2nd the motion; it was passed 3-0.

Lori made a motion to accept the minutes of June 25 2013. Wayne 2nd the motion; it was passed 2-0.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

Eric gave his report regarding Building and RV Permits issued. Lori asked Eric about the subdivision issue. Eric replied that Sweden can only dictate what happens in the town of Sweden. Eric said the specifications for the Sweden side of the subdivision is being discussed with the planning board. The subdivision is in Bridgton, and the developer is using a current road in Sweden for access. Because this is a change to the Sweden subdivision, the town has a say in the matter. He discussed the line of sight from the road issues and dangers. It will need to be cleared properly. There is not a lot the Town can do about it.

Lori asked Eric about Charles Tynan. Eric said he stopped in to talk to Ruth Hill about her situation and what her options were. June Hill said the well water is not drinkable. Her well is located in her basement, and Eric said if the town installed a pump, then a septic would be required.

Kristin Venza asked Eric about the activity at the end of Haskell Hill Road. Backhoes and excavating equipment have been going through there. Eric said that piece of property was purchased and asked about a driveway permit about a year ago. He may be doing things that do not need a permit, but Eric will go and check it out.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ):

Diana Curtis gave the Selectmen a revised copy of the Annual Agenda.

She also gave the Selectmen the draft annual audit from the accountant.

Town Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

No report

Road Commissioner – John Clifford:

Lori reported that soon the grinding on Hardscrabble Road, hopefully by next week would be done.

Black Mountain Road needs grading; Lori said we need to wait for the grader to come.

Wayne Miller said if fill is needed or work is done on the back side of Black Mountain Road, we can take the funds from the FEMA account.

Lori said the Sam Ingals Road culvert needs to be replaced; it is rusted and has a hole in it.

Lori said the stop sign for Tapawingo Road is here and will be put up.

Wayne commented that last year John Waite had called requesting a hidden way sign. Wayne reported that he spoke with someone at the State and they requested exact position of where. The post has arrived but the sign has not, Wayne will follow up with the state.

Lori mentioned the 50/50 road grant and that we need to get on that in order to participate. An application needs to be done. Lori will follow up and she knows one of the approved engineers.

SVFD – Corin Meehan:

Kristin Venza mentioned that Jim Willey had asked Corin to email Wayne Miller with his contact information. Wayne discussed the lack of communication coming from the Fire Department. Tom Goodman called Wayne, saying that the fire department is in default of their non-profit status. The Maine state federation dues were not paid, putting the fire fighters accidental death insurance in jeopardy.

Lori mentioned that she thought Corin was going to attend this meeting.

Wayne shared the signs “No Fires in this Area” which will be hung at the Town Landing on Stearns Pond and the Town Beach at Keyes Pond.

Old Business:

The Selectmen discussed the issue around the salt shed. Wayne mentioned that Jason Wentworth was going to fix the door. Additional security options were discussed.

Kristin suggested sending a letter to nearby neighbors asking them to inform the board if they see anything suspicious around the salt shed.

Wayne will pick up a couple “No Trespassing” signs and hang on the salt shed.

New Business:

The Selectmen discussed with Sarah Rose and DJ Curtis the issue of Trio versus O’Donnell doing the tax bills for 2013. Because of the short time frame, it was decided that the assessors, John O’Donnell and Associates would prepare the tax bills for this year.

The Selectmen reviewed three tax rate scenarios given by DJ Curtis and the impact of each.

Lori made a motion to set a tax rate of .0155, 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0

Communications:

A letter from the Planning Board regarding a Stearns Pond dock and that there will be meeting on 7/16/13 at 6:30 to discuss it. The applicants are Shawn and Michael Ashe.

A letter regarding exploring the Clerks World was reviewed. This is an advertisement for publications regarding Clerks.

From Maine Municipal Association (MMA), the Board received the 1st installment invoice and vehicle id cards for the Fire Department.

A letter was received from US Office of Personnel regarding a background check.

Wayne Miller offered to complete and return.

A communication regarding Maine Property Tax School was received.

Next meeting will be July 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Kristin 2nd it, passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Diana J. Curtis
Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen