

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
July 23, 2013

Attendance: Lori Bennett, C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, and John Clifford and Corin Meehan.

Lori called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of July 9, 2013 with corrections. Lori 2nd the motion; it was passed 3-0.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

No report

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ):

DJ Curtis gave the Board the monthly Adm. Assistant financial report, the Summer Road Maintenance report and Fire Department financial report. The town is in good financial position with no need of borrowing this year.

She discussed chart of accounts previously emailed and the Board approved it.

DJ discussed the continued use of QuickBooks through the end of the year and the extra work needed to run both QuickBooks and Trio software. She will ask Tom Chandall, the town's accountant for his advice.

Lori suggested having Amy from Trio attend the next meeting to discuss the transition. Sarah will discuss the need to continue the use of QuickBooks with Amy.

DJ will speak with the accountant about doing lump sum deposits for tax receipts, eliminating the need to enter the 2013 tax bills into QuickBooks.

Town Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Kristin mentioned incorrect information being given out by town staff, regarding registrations. Continued training in these areas are important.

SVFD - Corin Meehan

Corin reported that there were three calls in the last week. One was a serious car accident where the driver was life-flighted from the hospital.

A \$5000 donation was given for the fire department building.

Corin is trying to get a generator for backup in event of power loss.

The culvert near the fire station was excavated out; it may be replaced with gravel. Drainage issues around the building needs to be addressed.

A few new people have been recruited and gear will be issued.

A \$40,000 grant was received and will be put into a capital fund in the fire departments general fund.

Corin reported that the nonprofit status has been renewed with no lapse. He also took care of insurance issues with inactive people; it is up to date with current people including retired firefighters.

New batteries for pagers are needed; he will try to get enough for everyone.

Corin stated that the ice cream social went well.

He is looking at water supply up on Ledge Hill Road for possible use in filling the tanks.

Corin spoke about people getting together to discuss the new fire building.

Kristin discussed the turkey dinner with Corin and offered her help with the cooking.

Corin said the Fire Department will keep the food booth going and that the décor has been changed and updates made in the booth. Wayne mentioned the booth was getting damaged where it is being parked. Corin said they are going to clear the area and make a pad for the booth.

Corin said one engine was having a pump overhaul and would be out of service for a day.

Corin signed his appointment form for Fire Chief. He will stop in and see Alberta Ridlon to be sworn in.

Corin also mentioned he is updating the filing system to save time filing and will make things easier to find.

Wayne mentioned NIMS compliance with fire department people. Wayne asked him to create a form showing what compliance all the people had so that he could send it off to the county. Corin said he is working with one person to help him complete the needed training for compliance.

Wayne also mentioned the equipment inventory, and asked how close to completion it was. Corin said he has been working on the values, and the capital plan. The placement values are skewed because it is hard to get the replacement value on some items. Wayne asked that all the new equipment purchased since 2008 be added to the inventory list with serial numbers.

Road Commissioner – John Clifford:

John mentioned that the gravel work being done on Hardscrabble is almost done and will try to add gravel to Wint Rd. Hardscrabble Road should be paved in a few weeks.

Fern Drive had gravel added to it.

Wayne mentioned on Trull Brook Road, logging is being done and they are coming out on Route 93. The trucks have compressed the gravel almost 3 feet creating a gulley in the road. On the bridge, the planks are filled in with silt maybe because the gaps between the boards are too wide. Lori said they might have to scrape it out and will take a look at it.

Lori moved the board go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personal matter with the Tax Collector/Treasurer at 7:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Old Business:

Wayne reported on the issue regarding the salt shed vandalism. Wayne contacted the Oxford County Sheriff's Office to report the vandalism issues. The main door had been kicked in and

there was evidence of a bicycle being ridden inside the building. In the past, someone had gained entrance and emptied the CO2 fire extinguisher. Wayne met with Dep. Walch who reviewed the problems and took photographs of the damaged main door and the bicycle tire tracks. Deputy Walch advised the town should install at least (6) "No Trespassing" signs on and around the building and to install a motion sensor camera to photograph any activity at the site. She said with these measures taken, the District Attorney would have proof of illegal activity and could prosecute those involved.

Regarding the hidden drive saga at Bridgton Road and Alice's Way, Wayne spoke with Kathy Desouza, the Sign Coordinator for the Department of Transportation. It has been two years since it had been requested by Mr. John Waite. Ms. Desouza apologized for the lapse and said that she would be in our area today and would re-inspect the site and mark it again. Wayne will follow up on the progress.

Wayne reported that the town message board is almost done, cement is to be poured.

Lori mentioned that the stop sign is up on Tapawingo Road.

Kristin asked if the town had an ordinance for helicopter pads.

Wayne asked about road side mowing. Lori asked what we were mowing and gave names of people she is getting a price from.

Wayne said it has not been done in 5 years and all the tarred roads need to be done.

Kristin said it was a hazard to have all the over growth around the roads.

Lori asked how far back and how many roads were they planning on doing.

Lori will talk to Dick Eastman and figure out a price.

Kyle Warren will also give her a project cost for road side mowing. Dick Eastman wanted \$80.00 per hour.

Lori said Alberta called reporting that we have carpenter ants. Lori will have someone look at it.

Wayne reported he met with Julie McQueen and the project with the Selectmen's Handbooks is almost complete. She would like to have a workshop with the Selectmen August 14 for about an hour.

Communications:

Mail Received;

Tree growth application from Ron Sislane was given to Wayne to review. Wayne said it looked alright and to send it to the assessor.

A letter from MMA, regarding MMA annual elections with nomination ballots was received and reviewed.

Lori mentioned there was a conditional use permit letter in her box for her.

Next meeting will be August 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Kristin 2nd it, passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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