

Town of Sweden  
Selectmen's Meeting  
January 14, 2014

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, Jim Willey and Warren Noble.

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:04 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to accept the minutes of December 10, 2013. Kristin Venza 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Curtis distributed the regular financial reports to the Selectmen. They included; Adm. Asst. financial summary report, Summer Road Maintenance, Winter Roads, and Sweden Volunteer Fire Department Financial report.

She also reviewed the 2014 LD1 calculation and proposed tax rate for 2014.

The Selectmen discussed Budget Committee recommendations and questions.

The Selectmen made their recommendations for the Annual Town Warrant to be presented to the citizens in March, via vote. All articles were voted on with the exception of the Sweden Volunteer Fire Department article and the Rubbish/Trash Removal article. Further information is needed for the Selectmen to make their recommendations on those remaining articles.

**Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:**

The Selectmen signed Budget Committee member appointments provided by Alberta Ridlon. Also the Selectmen signed the appointment form for Kevin Taylor for the Planning Board.

**SVFD - Corin Meehan:**

DJ gave the selectmen the emailed report from Corin Meehan;

**Department Report- January 14, 2013**

**Calls:** There have been 6 requests for service in this reporting interval, 4 in December, and 2 for the year so far.

**Meetings and Trainings:** The department is currently completing our annual mandatory refresher trainings for occupational safety and Hazardous Materials response.

**Expenses:** Fiscal Year '13: \$1242.54 United Communications Corporation- Motorola pagers, \$11701.04 East Coast Service Center- Engine 3 maintenance, pump testing, and overhaul.

**Comments:** We are welcoming another new member to the department, Eric Smith, who lives on Knights Hill Road. Eric has extensive experience in another state as an interior firefighter, and also has a high level of technical rescue training, and EMS experience.

Fiscal Year 2013 ended with just over \$288.00 in unspent budget funds. As with last year, association funding to offset capital expenses helped us maintain operations and progress while staying within the confines of a limited operating budget.

**Road Commissioner – John Clifford:**

Lori asked about guard rails and signs.

Wayne Miller made a motion that if the Fire Dept is not sanded by Molloy Energy, after a storm, the Fire Dept. can hire an outside contractor and send the bill to Molloy for payment. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin and approved 3-0.

The selectmen discussed road issues with snow plowing and sanding. The plowing and sanding is not being started early enough when storms arrive.

Wayne will call Peter Malia, the Town's attorney, for advise on handling breach of contract issues with the Winter Road Contract.

Lori mentioned ice has built up on several roads and she is talking to Lovell about using their grader on the ice. Lori might use Bennett equipment to rake the ice off.

Wayne made a motion to use Bennett Excavating to remove ice from Knights Hill, Rt. 93, Hardscable Rd., and Webber Pond Rd. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin, approved 2-0.

**Old Business:**

Wayne made a motion to cancel the Hughes Net subscription, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin, approved 3-0.

Lori mentioned that Ron Kiesman left an estimate on the Glover property missing pins. The estimate was \$940 to survey the property to replace the property location pin. Lori offered to pay half of the bill, since the ditching equipment took the pin out.

Wayne made a motion to pay the survey bill from the 2013 Summer Road Maintenance account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen and approved 2-0.

Lori mentioned that she called C.N. Brown regarding heating oil. She got several oil quotes and CN Brown was the least expensive.

Lori made a motion to switch from Woodstock to CN Brown for heating oil. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Wayne gave Lori and Kristin the Emergency Action Plan review for the Town Hall for signing.

Lori mentioned she received an appeal board approval of Stearns Pond application for a dock.

**New Business:**

Warren Noble mentioned that the Sweden Food Pantry will have a request for financial assistance from Sweden for 2015. He will make sure the financials are received by December 31, 2014.

**Communications:**

**Mail Received:**

Letter from Drummond and Drummond, representing property owners regarding Stearns Pond application.

Letter from Peter Malia regarding Robin Sanderson property payment schedule, regarding the arranged payment plan.

MMA dues and service program information received.

Next meeting will be January 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. Motion was Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> it, passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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