

Town of Sweden, Maine
Selectmen's Meeting
May 27, 2014

Attendance: Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Stephen Bennett, DJ Curtis, Peter Malia and Jim Willey.

Wayne Miller called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2014. Lori Bennett 2nd the motion; it was passed 2 -0.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

No report

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

No report

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

Reported by Corin Meehan by email;

Department Report- May 2014

Calls: There was one request for service in this reporting period, mutual aid was provided to Bridgton for a structure fire.

Meetings and Trainings: The Sweden Volunteer Fire Association met on May 22nd. The membership re-elected the Fire Chief, all association officers. The letter indicating this status will be sent by an association representative.

Department personnel will be conducting pump, water supply, and fire stream training on 5/31 and will also be performing annual hose testing. Additionally, the department will be participating in a live fire training next month in Bridgton using an acquired structure.

Monthly Expenses: Total: \$794.16. \$300.00-quarterly portion of porta-potty rental, \$117.28- diesel and gasoline, \$150.00- outside training class, \$95.00- payroll, 84.85-chainsaw maintenance supplies, \$47.03- misc. hardware.

Comments: We will be meeting with representatives of MDOT next month regarding the culvert and pavement issue in front of the station. Conflicting work and project schedules for all parties have meant that an exact date has not been set at this time.

Grant packages are currently being completed for two different projects, the bulk of which addresses wildfire concerns. While we are a small town, the wildland fire risk is very high here. Due to the terrain, levels of slash present on the forest floor, and ice storm/blowdown damage, most of our forest land fits the "worst case scenario" for wildfire operations. None of the grants applied for require matching funds.

- 1) A training/prevention grant that will provide us with a laptop, LCD projector, and DVD packages. This will enable us to have classroom instructional ability on a better level.

- 2) A grant for forestry training, operations and safety. This would cover the costs of delivery of the complete Basic Wildland Firefighter program and development of a community Firewise program, equipment to improve our access and water supply capabilities for wildland operations, and to ensure that all personnel have the same level of personal protective equipment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corin Meehan, Fire Chief

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Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Stephen Bennett reported that intersections have been swept. Five loads of sand were taken out of the town garage area, cleaned up the mess and removed jersey barriers. Stephen said he would call the Harrison Post Office regarding mail delivery on Lee Gray Road tomorrow. Stephen asked about paving schedule.

Wayne made a motion that the Board to into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(e) to meet between the Board and its attorney. Lori 2nd the motion and it was passed 2-0 at 6:15 p.m.

Wayne made a motion to resume the regular selectmen's meeting at 6:50. Lori 2nd the motion and it was passed 2-0.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ):

The Selectmen discussed the town clerk's request for election clerk's stipend increase. Further research is needed and the matter was tabled.

The Selectmen reviewed the expense and income report as reported by DJ Curtis.

The Selectmen reviewed the Sweden Annual Town Meeting minutes and submitted their corrections to the Town Clerk.

Old Business:

Wayne made a motion to appoint Corin Meehan as Fire Chief, the motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 2-0.

Wayne reported that the floor repair in the Town Meeting Hall will be started on June 9 and will require 3 weeks to complete the project.

Wayne said he will call Blaine Chapman regarding mowing around the town buildings.

New business:

Communications:

Mail:

SW Oxford County nutrition, looking for contact information.

MMA legislative review

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Lori 2nd the motion, approved 2-0 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Diana J. Curtis

Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen

