

Town of Sweden  
Selectmen's Meeting  
October 14, 2014

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, C. Wayne Miller, DJ Curtis, Corin Meehan, Ron Kiesman, and Eli Hutchins.

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 September 23, 2014. Kristin Venza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; it was passed 3-0.

**Visitors:**

Ron Kiesman read request from the Historical Society. The Historical Society would like to store a computer they have received in the Town Office.

Wayne made a motion to allow the Historical Society to put their computer in the Town Office opposite the voting booth. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Bennett and approved 3-0.

Eli Hutchins recently moved to Knights Hill Road and discussed internet options in Sweden. The internet option available is Fair Point. He does online marketing and needs a faster internet. He has contacted Time Warner and was told that the Town of Sweden needs to set up a franchise agreement. Wayne said Sweden does not have the population for Time Warner to come in and was told that several times. Eli said Time Warner is now ready to put high speed into Sweden.

Wayne said he would be the contact person for Town of Sweden for Time Warner Cable.

**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:**

**Department Report- September 2014**

**Calls:** There were three requests for service during the reporting period. There was a reported water rescue at Camp Tapawingo, a traffic hazard on Bridgton Road, and a mutual aid structure fire response to Lovell. We continue to increase staffing on calls, averaging 4 members responding.

**Meetings and Trainings:** Members trained in rural water supply operations, and participated in a live burn in Denmark. Starting next month, the department will be training once a month in conjunction with mutual aid departments, including Lovell, Bridgton, Waterford, Saco Valley, and Stoneham, as well as our regular in-house training.

**Monthly Expenses:** Total: \$344.50: \$215.00- Payroll, \$74.79- C.N. Brown, \$54.71- Wright Express

**Comments:** The first meeting of the station building committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, the committee membership includes: Corin Meehan, Andrew Gardner, Julie McQueen, David Johnson, and Patrick Cowan.

We are still negotiating with MDOT regarding the box culvert and apron repair at the station.

Both engines are scheduled for pump testing and service at East Coast Service Center, and all SCBA units have been bench tested for 2015. Following pump testing, Engine 3 will be scheduled for an estimate on tank replacement.

The proposed FY '15 budget package is in preparation and will be submitted by November 1, with presentation at the BOS meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that we will be able to submit another flat budget for the second year in a row.

**Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:**

Lori Bennett reported they did ditching and culverts on Hardscrabble Road and is almost done. Haskell Hill and Webber Pond are next to be ditched. Marr Road ditching has been done but more needed to be done, she reported.

Wayne asked Lori about the sand and salt delivery. Lori said she is waiting for salt. Lori said she would call Morton Salt which has merged with International Salt. It will be at least another week before salt is received.

Ron Kiesman asked why they didn't remove the entire tree on the road sides. Lori said it was easier to go around instead of removing them. He also said on Wint road there was a water pocket that might need a culvert. Lori said she would look into it.

Ron also stated a well was placed near the road and wondered if the Selectmen could send a letter stating the town had no responsibility to fixing well if contaminated from road salt. The Selectmen decided this was private property and not town business.

Wayne said he got the road signs and they need placing.

**Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)**

DJ Curtis reviewed and distributed several financial reports to the Selectmen, including; Adm. Asst. Project Report, 2015 Budget Timeline, 2015 Article Summary, Budget worksheet for Salaries and Town Charges, Salary History, Summer Road Maintenance Detail Report, Winter Road Detail Report. She also discussed the upcoming Special Town Meeting regarding Town Charges. The Selectmen discussed the date for the meeting and asked DJ to contact Ed Ryan for possible moderator.

Wayne made a motion to hold the Special Town Meeting on Saturday December 6, 2014 at 9:00. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori and approved 3-0.

**Old Business:**

Wayne made a motion to correct the newspaper notice for winter road closures to read "Trull Brook Road from Lois Lane to Rt. 93. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was approved 3-0.

Wayne said Alberta asked about a dedicated line to the fax machine. She called FairPoint and the cost would be \$42.50 per month. The Selectmen decided to approve for 2015 as 2014 is tight financially.

**Communications:**

**Mail Received:**

Thank you from Community Concepts for \$100 contribution.  
Letter from Peter Malia with a release to be signed from Selectmen.

Received a copy of Maine Municipal Directory

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

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> it, passed 2-0.

Respectfully

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