

Selectmen's Meeting
May 26, 2015

Attendance: Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Kim Ashley and DJ Curtis.

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

Wayne made a motion to approve the May 12, 2015 with corrections. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Taylor approved 2-0.

Visitors:

None.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No Report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

No Report

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Alberta left a note saying Trout Unlimited has called about stocking the town's lakes. Wayne said Keyes Pond is stocked annually. Webber Pond is shallow and only pickerel live in it he also said. Trout Unlimited would not work in Sweden, Wayne said.

Alberta left a request for 5 new flags and brackets for the Town Hall Pole. Wayne and Bruce said they would like to get prices before deciding.

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

Operations and Administration Report April/May 2015

Operations

The department responded to 5 requests for service during the reporting period. The most serious of these was a dryer fire at 12 Chase Place Lane. Fortunately, despite the dangerous fire weather and condition of the wild land areas, Sweden was spared any brush/woods fires. This is in contrast to almost all of the towns in the area.

We are continuing to be under/poorly served by Oxford County Regional Communications center. We are, in conjunction with members of the communications advisory board, currently attempting to address this through the formal complaint process.

Department members trained both months in engine company operations and wild land response during our regular trainings. Additionally, the association sponsored Big Rig Rescue training brought our firefighters and others from in and out of state together for 3 days of national level specialized vehicle rescue training.

Unfortunately, many of our members have been juggling multiple jobs, long work hours, and increased family demands, so turnout at both calls and trainings has been lower than we have been enjoying for the last two years. However, with the exception of one call, we have been able to respond to all requests for service, during weekdays as well as evenings. All calls have been covered by at least two personnel.

The call that the department was not able to cover was due to the bay door for the forestry truck malfunctioning. We were requested by Sebago to respond to a large woods fire last month. Unfortunately the door spring mechanism catastrophically failed and the door was jammed in the closed position by cable tension. This has since been repaired and the door has been functioning normally.

Administration

We are transitioning to a server-based record keeping system. Our association secretary, Audra Cook, will be handling these entries and recordkeeping. Audra is an experienced fire department administrative assistant. She is both a business and office manager, and is responsible for many administrative duties for Bridgton Fire Department. This will give us the ability to update records real-time, and eliminate the backlog that sometimes occurs from time management constraints in the volunteer fire

Submitted by Corin Meehan.

Wayne and Bruce discussed the Fire Departments expenses and reporting. Wayne would like to see more detail about the calls the Fire Department made. Also the training and maintenance logs, that is a critical violation, Wayne said. These records need to be filed at the Town Hall. Wayne also said that the fire department's inventory needs to be updated. The last update was in 2008 and it needs to be updated.

Bruce thanked Corin for his work with the fire department and made a motion requesting training, call, and maintenance records and a current equipment inventory be provided to the Town. We are asking this for fiscal responsibility for the Town of Sweden and as required by State Labor Law. Additionally some of the above items are required by the town's auditor and insurance company. The motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 2-0.

Bruce also said at the earliest convenience, Corin needs to contact AAA Fire Extinguisher to have all the fire extinguishers in town serviced and certified.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

5/13/15-5/26/15

Work done since last report:

Haskell Hill Rd., Marr Rd., Wint Rd. and Smarts Hill Rd. have been graded and rolled. Grader is on Black Mtn. Rd. today.

Work to be done in the next month:

Lee Gray Rd. to be graded and crushed gravel put down.

Expenses:

Anticipated expenses:

Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc.
Richard Douglass, Inc.- Gravel
P & K – Grader Bill

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)

Wayne made a motion to approve the annual town meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Bruce . The current Income vs Expense report was distributed to the Selectmen as well as the current Cash Sheet.

Old Business:

Bruce has not been able to contact D & D Necessary Rooms. He has left messages and they have not responded at this point.

Bruce will ride to the Town Beach to verify the removal of the two picnic tables.

New Business:

Wayne read the proposal to install new track lights in the Town Office. \$2,916.59 was quoted for 2 new track lights. Bruce and Wayne discussed location of lights and switches.

Bruce made a motion to accept the quote from Mclver Electrical Contracting including the upgrade to LED contingent on Wayne's research and decision regarding the possible savings. The motion was 2nd by Wayne Miller and approved 2-0

Bruce said he would be willing to attend Salt Conference, Southern Maine Development and Economic Commission on June 3rd. He said he would also inform Lori of this conference.

Communications:

Annual letter from Camp Tapawingo with their open season dates.

Alberta left a note asking if the town would be willing to give the used computer in the back to The Sweden Food Pantry. Bruce asked if there was any sensitive information on the computer. Wayne said no and Chris Sanborn would wipe the computer clean.

Wayne made a motion to donate the old computer to the Sweden Food Pantry. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 2-0.

Mail Received:

Next meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 2-0

Respectfully

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