

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

Attendance: Kim Ashley, Lori Bennett, Tim Cook, Jenna Domer, Larry Lyle, C. Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor

Wayne called for the pledge of allegiance at 6:05pm and then called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of December 26, 2017 with corrections. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved (2-0)

Visitors: none

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- no report

Administrative Assistant-

An Engagement letter was signed by Lori Bennett for the Auditor RHR Smith to conduct an audit of the town records for the year 2017. Check scanning training was given by Owen Maguire a representative of NSB to the Treasurer, AA and Clerk for the Norway Savings Bank checking account. Checks will now be scanned and deposited every day the treasurer is working to eliminate lag time of check processing. Jenna has placed a call to Hoodz in Windham regarding cleaning and repair of the hood in the kitchen of the meeting house, she is anticipating a return call to schedule the cleaning. Chris Sanborn of Modern Wavs was in the office on Tuesday 1/9/2018 to install Carbonite on all three office computers to back up all files to a cloud like system. She gave a brief report of the status of the progress of the Town Report. The selectmen and the AA went through the Warrant for the town report and conducted additional voting on articles that needed to be voted upon. There are a few more articles that need to be voted upon however, we are awaiting information in order to conduct the vote.

CEO- report attached, Larry Lyle will also submit an estimate for repairing the old salt shed and the kitchen floor in the meeting house.

Clerk- Jenna spoke for Alberta Ridlon and discussed that minimum wage will be increased from \$9.00 p/h to \$10.00 p/h in 2018 and we will have to budget for the increase for the election clerks. She also asked Bruce Taylor if he would be appointed as the 911 Director. He said he would take the appointment. Alberta will need to prepare the oath. The selectmen were given many oaths to sign for 2018 appointments.

Fire Chief- Tim Cook inquired about the status of the Fire Station Building Committee, the committee is in need of two more members, he has stressed the importance of having this committee in place as soon as possible. Tim has submitted a bid to the town of Harrison for their pumper truck. The Department assisted in a few calls in the past weeks. He would like to add a new article for the 2018 Town Warrant to budget for a new generator for the Fire Station. The quotes need to be attained from McIver for the Fire Station as well as the Town Office.

Road Commissioner- Wayne brought up the fact that there is still no STOP sign at the end of Webber Pond Road and the Fern Drive sign is not up either. He suggested since there is snow on the ground to

post the STOP sign on the existing pole temporarily until the ground is soft and to nail the Fern Drive sign to a tree temporarily as well.

Tax Collector/Treasurer-Kim Ashley presented an abatement for a Sweden property for the selectmen to sign. She also addressed that Fryeburg needs to be invoiced for the plowing. Lori Bennett stated it should be done twice a year, \$1500.00 in December and \$1500.00 in March, the invoice should be addressed to Sharon Jackson, Town Mgr. There was a discussion about adding the AA to Accident policy with MMA.

Selectmen reviewed warrant dated 1/9/2018 Lori made a motion to approve the warrant. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Selectmen reviewed the last warrant of the year 2017. Lori made a motion to approve the warrant. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Old Business- Bruce indicated he went to Nate York's house see when he could give an estimate for the repair or the replacement of the old salt shed. He indicated he could do it in the next few days.

New Business- Jenna inquired as to who the town would like to use as a Town Moderator for the Town Meeting in March. The selectmen indicated they would like to use Walter Riseman, the same moderator they used for 2017. Wayne made a motion to utilize Walter Riseman as Town Moderator for the March 2018 Town Meeting. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Communications and Correspondence- Letters from MMA and SMPDC regarding dues increases for 2018.

Lori made a motion to pay the dues increase for SMPDC in the amount of \$406.00. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Wayne made a motion to pay the dues increase for MMA in the amount of \$1513.00. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved 3-0.

Respectfully,

Jenna Domer
Administrative Assistant