

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Present: John P. Smith and C. Wayne Miller. (Alberta Ridlon was absent) Eric Gulbrandsen, John Clifford, DJ Curtis, Jane Gibbons, James Willey, Warren Noble. Representing Pie Tree Orchard: Ryan Crowell, Katelyn LaCasse, Ruth Crowell, Gary Crowell and Ed Josephson. The meeting was opened by Mr. Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m.

Representatives of Pie Tree Orchard stated that last year they had applied for permission to build a wind tower of their property. The permit was denied as the town's ordinances do not allow structures over 50'. They requested that the Selectmen prepare such an ordinance to be voted on by the town residents at the annual meeting. They gave packets of materials and sample ordinances from other towns. The wind tower they would want to build, including its turbine would be 72 feet high. In the absence of Mrs. Ridlon, the selectmen postponed the decision until the Dec. 21st meeting. They hoped that a committee which might include Planning Board members and Wayne Miller might draft such an ordinance for Sweden. The Planning Board is meeting on Dec. 21st also. A hearing would need to be held 45 days before Town Meeting so time is of the essence.

Warren Noble requested use of a key for the Town meeting hall to use Fire Association Tables for food pantry distribution on Dec. 15. Mr. Noble signed out a key.

Carroll Miller, a former Selectman and member of the budget committee, is gravely ill. Mr. Smith moved that flowers be sent from the Town of Sweden. (voted 2-0). DJ Curtis to order from Warrens.

The CEO report was given by Mr. Gulbrandsen. He had discussed culverts for lumbering access on Black Mtn. Road and the logger is complying.

John Clifford reported cleaning out ditching on Plummer School Road following heavy rains. They are awaiting dig safe approval before digging a larger ditch. There were wash outs on Black Mtn. Road. Mr. Clifford put out stakes. It was reported that Mrs. Ridlon had further conversations with Tom Gorrill of Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers Inc. about doing less than a mile on Hardscrabble road.

D.J. Curits went over a schedule of articles. There was a question about the Budget Committee and who was on it. Julie McQueen is the only known member. Carroll Murphy will not be serving due to illness. It was suggested that more money be added to the building and grounds maintenance and legal fees. Mrs. Curtis said that the deadline for application for road bonds is Feb. 1.

Ms. Gibbons announced that the recount for the casino vote had been resolved and Sweden's ballots would not be counted. A technician, paid by the state, had worked on the Hava computer that Ms. Gibbons uses.

Mr. Smith stated that Insurance of the School House has been cancelled and it would be up to the church and/or historical society to pay for insurance now.

Mr. Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m. (voted 2-0)

Jane Gibbons, Clerk