

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Present were Jim Willey, John Clifford, Wyatt Ridlon, Eric Gulbrandson, David Johnson, DJ. Curtis, Jane Gibbons, Alberta Ridlon, John P. Smith and C. Wayne Miller. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

An application for wind towers has been denied because the town does not have an ordinance allowing towers over 50 feet high. The Selectmen will put forth an amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance to be considered first by the Planning Board, then a hearing (in February) and final vote at the town meeting in March.

The Fire Department has no new items to consider.

John Clifford reported that a tree had come down and blocked a culvert on Black Mountain Road. This matter has been resolved. A new ditch was dug on Plummer School Road near Ledge Hill Road. Pot holes can not be fixed at this time of year, only sand put in. Wyatt Ridlon reported that Steve Bennett would like to talk to the Selectmen about ways we can save money on road maintenance. Smarts Hill Road needs fabric and gravel. The lowness of the road causes problems especially near the swampy area. There is a problem with a lock on the man-door in the new salt shed. Wyatt offered to fix the problem by removing a lock and installing a pad-lock.

Finance: The warrant was signed. DJ had the final audit for 2009 for the Selectmen to sign. A new tentative schedule for the 2011 was given to the Selectmen showing the necessity to increase LD1 limit by \$30,000.

Old Business –

Road Counters – The selectmen felt that the report was invalid as the Plummer School Road usage increased by almost 100 on the average each day between August and September. They thought people had run back and forth over the counters to distort the results. Hardscrabble Road clocked 266 in August and 146 in October. Plummer School Road clocked 237 in August and 328 in October. Ms. Gibbons said she had driven both roads recently and it appeared to a lay person that Plummer School Road is far more deteriorated than Hardscrabble. It was stated that Hardscrabble had been repaired recently but that these repairs would wash out in the winter. Because ambulances use that road, it has more priority than Plummer School Road. Signs have been ordered and are in. Wyatt Ridlon has the new signs and is working on them to make them more vandalism resistant. The signs had come in in the wrong colors and the sign maker is correcting the error. Did the Selectmen want the signs in the incorrect colors? Yes.

New Business

Mrs. Ridlon had written a letter to the church clarifying that the town is no longer using the Brick School house and has stopped liability insurance coverage. The letter was signed by the Selectmen.

Ms. Gibbons has revised a notice to be given to town hall users specifying the requirements for cleaning and kitchen use.

Mr. Duve has raised an issue about the land survey for the new Fire Station. Mr. Scott Valley is willing to exchange some of the land in front to allow for a driveway around the town office. A new surveyor's survey is needed.

John Smith proposed that Wyatt Ridlon be paid \$20 per hour to do the repair work on the salt shed door.

The minutes of the November 23 and December 14th meetings were considered. John Smith moved they be accepted with the correction of Carroll Murphy's name. (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk