

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Present were John Clifford, Eric Gulbrandsen, Robby Drew, DJ Curtis and Selectmen Alberta Ridlon, John P. Smith and C. Wayne Miller. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m.

Mr. Gulbrandsen gave written year end reports and a summary of the previous year's work. The Planning Board has sent a response to the Board concerning the wind tower ordinance. The Planning Board wanted to warn against using an ordinance from another town. The Planning Board tabled action. Mr. Gulbrandsen stated that the Selectmen were in order to request that an ordinance be written, reviewed by the Planning Board and submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. Mr. Smith suggested that a petition might be circulated at the end of the town meeting. Mr. Gulbrandsen said that he had climbed the hill where the cell tower is to be located and found no deer fields.

Roads: The Selectmen gave Mr. Drew an addendum to the contract specifying responsibility of the road crew for repair of damage to town property and buildings. Mr. Drew stated that when he went to repair something in the salt shed, it had been repaired. He was not aware of the issue at Stephens Cemetery until 2 years after the damages occurred. He thought that excessive snow piles had caused the damage. It was suggested that the town put up markers to show where cemetery fencing and signs are located because these get covered when there is a lot of snow piled up. Mr. Miller offered to help with this. Mr. Drew will give the Selectmen a response concerning the addendum at the next meeting. The roof needs to be shoveled on the old salt shed where Mr. Drew's trucks are parked. Caution is needed around electrical wires. Mr. Smith suggested that the winter road contract needs to be read by an attorney before the next one is signed. There was discussion concerning response to road commissioner's calls. Mr. Drew said that he is out of cell phone range on many Sweden roads, but listens to messages regularly.

Fire Department: Mr. Willey was not present. Mr. Noble had ordered the 50 lb. buckets in November when he was not authorized to order them. Mr. Miller reported that the Dead River account is open and that he will pick up the keys.

Finances: There was a question about payment of bills to Molloy Energy. DJ has sent a statement showing where the bills had been paid. DJ stated that Eastern Slope airport had sent a request for financial support. Their request came after the deadline. The name of their agency will be added to those requesting money in the front of the Annual report. The warrant was approved. DJ gave the Selectmen a copy of the financials going into the annual report. The Budget Committee will meet next Wednesday. A credit card has finally come from Key Bank so that the Hughsnet can now be paid directly. In article 26 the statement was revised to delete the words "allow balance to carry over." Moved by Mr. Miller. Approved (3-0) The article concerning bonuses for Clerk and Tax collector will be taken from surplus. Moved by Mrs. Ridlon. Approved (3-0)

An informational meeting will take place on March 12th at 9:30 to explain the raising of money for special road work and to explain increase for LD1.

The Minutes of the Jan. 25 were corrected as follows: spelling of Dembski, Wayne Miller instead of Wayne Newton and 50 lb. buckets, not 50 gallon buckets.

Mr. Miller moved the meeting be adjourned. Approved (3-0). Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk