

**Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
January 10, 2012**

Attendance: Kristin Venza, Lori Bennett, DJ Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, John Clifford, James Willey, Eric Gulbrandson, Warren Bailey.

6PM Kristin called for the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order.

Kristin made motion to accept the minutes of Dec 27, 2011 meeting. It was 2nd by Lori, voted and accepted.

Unscheduled citizens: CEO Eric brought in his reports for December. There was no activity this month.

ACO, Warren Bailey wants to know if the Town of Sweden has any Animal Laws or do they follow the State of Maine standard? Kristin stated that she was not sure but thought we went by state laws. Warren needs to know what his options are if he needs to impound a dog and what the fee would be. Would like to have a 1st time fee of \$25.00 and double it every time the same animal is impounded. This would help to deter animals at large, but this needs to be set by the town. He also stated that he can get a prelim shot for rabies.

Finance- DJ: The Selectmen went through the 2012 warrant. Kristin made the motions on each article and it was 2nd by Lori. They were voted as shown:

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Sarah Rose, Constable of the Town of Sweden, County of Oxford, State of Maine,
GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sweden in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Sweden Town Meeting House, in said Town, **on Saturday, the 24th day of March AD 2012, at nine o'clock in the morning**, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow monies in anticipation of taxes as may be required to operate the services of the Town.
Selectmen recommend (2-0)
Budget Committee recommend

Article 3. To elect all Town Officers: (1) Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a period of one years (to complete term); (1) Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a period of three years; (1) Town Treasurer; (1) Tax Collector; (1) Town Clerk; (1) Registrar of Voters, 2 years; (1) Road Commissioner, 3 years; (1) Planning Board member; (2) Planning Board alternates; (1) Appeals Board member, 5 years; (2) Appeals Board alternates; (1) S.A.D. member, 3 years; (1) S.A.D. #72 alternate, 1 year; and any other necessary officers. (This to be checked-AR)

Article 4. To see if the town will increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Sweden by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.
Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommend

Article 5a. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Town Treasurer and Tax Collector.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$11,085.00	\$11,306.00	
Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$11,645.00
Budget Committee recommend			

Article 5b. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Town Clerk.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$7,284.00	\$7,430.00	
Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$7,653.00
Budget Committee recommend			

Article 5c. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **1st, 2nd and 3rd Selectmen.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$4,590.00	\$4,682.00	
Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$4,822.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5d. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Fire Chief.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$1,584.00	\$1,616.00	
Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$1,664.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5e. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Road Commissioner.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$2,000.00	\$2,040.00	
Selectmen recommend (includes mileage)	(This article was tabled for		\$2,101.00
future discussion)			
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5f. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of a proposed **Assistant Road Commissioner.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$500.00	\$750.00	
Selectmen recommend (2-0)			\$773.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5g. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Code Enforcement Officer.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$2,771.00	\$2,826.00	
Selectmen recommend	(This article was tabled for		\$2,911.00
	future discussion)		
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5h. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Cemetery Sexton.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$264.00	\$269.00	\$277.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5i. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Administrative Assistant.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$16,469.00	\$16,798.00	\$15,298.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 5j. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the compensation of the **Emergency Management Director.**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$1,020.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,071.00
Budget Committee recommends			

Article 6. To see if the Town will take from surplus up to \$1,200.00, for payment of interest on tax anticipation borrowing for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$1,200.00
Budget Committee recommends	

Article 7. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **Town Charges** for the ensuing year.
 Selectmen recommend appropriate (2-0) \$47,000.00
 Budget Committee recommends appropriate

Article 8. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and take from surplus for the **maintenance of roads and road sides** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend if Art. 4 Property Tax Levy Limit has passed, appropriate(2-0)	\$150,000.00 or
Selectmen recommend if Art. 4 Property Tax Levy Limit has NOT passed, appropriate	\$105,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend take from surplus (2-0)	\$45,000.00

Article 9. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and take from surplus for **snow removal and sanding** for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0)	\$ 125,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend take from surplus if needed (2-0)	\$ 25,000.00
Budget Committee recommends	

Article 10. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate to pay for **Lovell Dump contract** and to pay for any additional usage charges from surplus monies.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)	\$34,671.00
Budget Committee recommends	

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to draw upon the Surplus Account not more than .0003 of the present State Valuation of the Town, **\$87,050,000** for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend
Budget Committee recommends

Article 12. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **grounds maintenance, upkeep and repairs for town buildings.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$4,000.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for support of the **Sweden Volunteer Fire Department Association.**
SVFD requested (2-0) \$23,000.00
Selectmen recommend \$23,000.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 14. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for support of the **Ambulance Service** for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$2,400.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 15. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the **Lovell recreation programs.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$1,000.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 16. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$1,500.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 17. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Sweden Conservation Committee.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$375.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 18. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$400.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 19. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the **Lakes Environmental Association** for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$400.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Seniors Plus.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$150.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Community Concepts.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$300.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 22. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for **Cemetery maintenance.**
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$2,500.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 23. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of future **Town Re-Evaluation** and to allow the balance to carryover.
Selectmen recommend appropriate (2-0) \$4,000.00 and
Selectmen recommend taking from surplus (2-0) \$5,000.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of **Legal Counsel** and to allow the balance to carryover.
Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0) \$3,000.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 25. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate for the purpose of **REACH.**
Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0) \$100.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$45,000.00 of the 2012 anticipated Excise monies collected in 2012 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 26.
Selectmen recommend (This article was tabled for
Budget Committee recommends further discussion)

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to use not more than \$7,900.00 of the 2012 anticipated Tree Growth Refund monies collected in 2012 towards the amount appropriated in Articles 5a through 26.
Selectmen recommend (This article was tabled for
Budget Committee recommends further discussion)

Article 28. To see if the voters will authorize the raising of the balance so appropriated, not covered in Article 27 and 28 through taxation.
Selectmen recommend (2-0)
Budget Committee recommends

Article 29. To see if the Town will take not more than \$300.00 from the Snowmobile account for the purpose of maintaining public snowmobile and cross-country ski trails within the Town of Sweden, and allow the Selectmen to spend for that purpose.
Selectmen recommend (2-0) \$300.00
Budget Committee recommends

Article 30. To see if the Town will accept the highest interest rate set by the State of Maine Planning Office for delinquent taxes committed in the current year. (Rate cannot be greater than the State rate of 7% for 2012.)

Selectmen recommend

Budget Committee recommends

(This article was tabled for
further discussion)

Article 31. To see if the Town will determine the date from and after which interest shall accrue on delinquent taxes committed for the current year.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

September 15, 2012

Article 32. To see if the Town will set the interest rate paid on abated taxes to 4 percentage points less than the rate used in Article 30 above by the State of Maine Planning Office.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Article 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes thereon; or by other judicial process; said real estate to be advertised in two separate issues of local paper within 30 days of sale. To be sold either at public auction or as the result of sealed bids called for and received by the Selectmen; provided, however, that the selectmen be authorized to sell at private sale property so acquired to the owner on record of any such property; all conveyances there-under to be by release deed.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Article 34. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2012 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2013 to the March Annual Town Meeting in 2013.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

Article 35. To see if the Town will **take from surplus** up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding **capital projects on State Aid roads** and allow the balance to carry over each year.

Selectmen recommend taking from surplus (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends taking from surplus

\$10,000.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will take from **surplus** \$2,500.00 to replenish the **contingency fund**.

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

\$2,500.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will apply property tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes before paying current year taxes.

Selectmen recommend

Budget Committee recommends

Given under our hands this _____ 2012

Selectmen _____

of _____

Sweden _____

ATTEST: _____

Constables Return for Town of Sweden

Oxford, SS.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time and place and for the purposes therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me, at the Town Hall a public and conspicuous place on _____ 2012 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Sarah Rose, Constable

Town Clerk: Alberta to call McBurnie Oil to let them know they can pick up the gas tank.

Fire Dept: Jim stated that the squad truck needs inspection. It is in for repairs. The Engine is back.

Roads: John reported that the ice jam between Katadin Ln and Camp Encore was cleared .

Old Business: Lori reported on the prices quoted to remove the tree behind the Town Hall. Jerry Boucher was \$150 and the other quote was \$350. Lori made motion to get Jerry to do the job. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed. Lori is also to contact Patrick Cowan because the tree is technically on his property and leaning towards the hall.

No new business and no mail tonight.

Kristin made motion to adjourn at 7 PM. It was 2nd by Lori, voted and approved.

Respectfully submitted

Alberta Ridlon