

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
January 24, 2012

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, Lori Bennett,
DJ Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, James Willey.

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

Wayne made motion to approve the minutes of January 10 meeting. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

Unscheduled business: None.

Finance – DJ: **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	\$1664.00

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends

This article was revoted with Kristin abstaining. Wayne made motion as selectmen recommended. Lori 2nd and it was voted and approved 2-0.

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	\$2101.00

Selectmen recommend (includes mileage for routine duties)

Budget Committee recommends

This article had been tabled. Wayne made motion to accept what the selectmen recommended, Kristin 2nd; it was voted and approved 3-0

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	\$2911.00

Selectmen recommend

Budget Committee recommends

This article had been tabled. Wayne made motion to accept the selectmen's recommendation \$2911.00, Kristin 2nd, it was voted and approved 3-0.

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. This article had been tabled. Wayne made motion to accept what the selectmen recommended, Kristin 2nd, it was voted and approved.

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 \$45,000.00

This article had to be revoted. Lori Abstained. Wayne made motion as selectmen recommended and Kristin 2nd it. It was voted and approved 2-0.

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

This article also had to be revoted. Kristin abstained.

Wayne made motion to accept as recommended by selectmen. Lori 2nd it, It was voted and approved 2-0.

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise or appropriate for the support of **Seniors Plus**.

Selectmen recommend \$100.00

Budget Committee recommends

This article was brought up again and Wayne made motion to change the recommendation from \$150.00 to \$100.00 which was what they requested. Kristin 2nd, it was voted and approved 3-0.

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 \$45.000

Budget Committee recommends

This article had been tabled. Wayne made a motion as recommended, Kristin 2nd, it was voted and approved 3-0.

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

\$7,900.00

Budget Committee recommends

Wayne made a motion as recommended by selectmen. Lori 2nd, it was voted and approved 3-0.

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

This article is still waiting

Budget Committee recommends

for further discussion)

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

Selectmen recommend (2-0)

\$2500.00

Budget Committee recommends

Wayne made motion to change the reading of this article from "to replenish" to "for" the contingency fund and to take the \$2500.00 from surplus. This was 2nd by Lori, voted and approved 3-0.

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

Wayne made a motion to accept as read, 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved 3-0.

Many questions have arisen regarding salaries since some of the jobs being done have been switched to other positions. Wayne suggested that we table this until next year and during the year, review job descriptions and salaries together and have a meeting with the budget committee to see if this can be better proportioned.

Town Clerk-Alberta:

Selectmen signed appointments to Budget Committee.

Alberta Called McBurnie Oil on 01/17/12 4:25pm to let them know they could pick up their gas tank.

There was a discussion on how to handle a bounced check that was received for excise tax.

Fire Dept: The squad truck is running real well after the repairs.

Roads: Wayne is to call Robbie Drew and have him come to the next meeting. We questions about them plowing and sanding the town office and plowing out the mail box. Lori is to contact Tim Chandler about fixing the metal strip over the door on the sand shed.

Old Business: Lori is to contact Jerry Boucher to remove the tree on Patrick Cowan property that is leaning towards the Town Hall. She will also get the approval from Patrick.

New Business: New 2012 EAP for Town Hall

Wayne brought up the need for an Emergency Action Plan for the Sweden Tall Hall. He brought a plan to the table. Wayne made a motion to adopt the plan, was 2nd by Kristin, voted, approved and signed by selectmen. A training session was held at this time for town officials. A signed attendance sheet is attached.

Mail was opened and discussed.

Wayne made motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed.

Sincerely submitted,

Alberta Ridlon