

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
July 10, 2012

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, John Clifford, Alberta Ridlon.

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

Wayne made a motion to accept, with a few spelling corrections, the minutes to June 26, 2012 meeting. This was 2nd, voted and passed. (Corrections done-AR)

Finance- DJ: Cash flow is getting a little tight. We need to keep a watch on the checkbook and if need be we might have to borrow, hopefully not. There was a discussion on setting the tax rate, with explanation of the different rates available and how much would go into overlay. Lori made a motion to set the tax rate at \$0.01160 X \$1,092,432.00 (needed to be raised) = \$1,113,519.22 tax commitment with an overlay of \$26,829.22. Wayne 2nd the motion, it was voted and passed.

DJ noted that the State will be reducing the revenue sharing so next year at town meeting we will have to reduce that article also.

Town Clerk-AR: Alberta received a quote for an enclosed poster board on each side of the town office doors. This was tabled for future discussion.

Fire Dept.-Chief Meehan: Wayne noted that we need to find out who is doing the monthly checks on the fire extinguishers in the buildings.

Excerpt from Chief Meehan's e-mail as he was unable to attend the meeting. , Here's an update on the Fire Department.

Everything is going well and with the holiday week behind us, we'll be moving forward on our task list for the summer.

Engine 1 had its annual inspection last month and passed with no problems. The new engine is in town. We will be getting the tires swapped this coming week, and then training driver/operators. Once the truck is relettered, we will be able to put it in service. Due to the time-frame on some of the equipment we're waiting on, we will still be running just one fully equipped pumper for the next month or so, until the load of 4" supply line is given to us from Bridgton. However all fire department equipment will be in service on both engines and able to be used on calls. Both engines should be fully equipped within 4-6 weeks.

Regarding the cascade system, because the plan involves Sweden retaining actual ownership, just housing the equipment at Bridgton, there is no conflict with the terms of the grant. The system will still be a regional air supply resource, just fixed rather than mobile.

Our spaghetti dinner fundraiser went well. I had hoped to mingle a bit and meet more people from town but I didn't manage to extricate myself from cooking pasta! Attendance was lower than hoped but hopefully we can improve upon this in the future. We are also planning some new fundraising ideas that have exciting potential.

Recruitment: We now have two more new firefighters, both Firefighter I & II certified, as well as two more potential recruits. We will be doing some community outreach over the next few months to not only educate the public on fire protection/prevention matters but also to hopefully increase momentum recruitment-wise, particularly among town residents.

It has been quiet call-wise, even by our normal standards, and there have been no calls for service since the last meeting.

Roads-John: Wayne received mail explaining Local road management software that will list all roads and keep track of all work done at each mile. The cost is \$75.00. This was tabled until next meeting for further study. Patching has been done on Hardscrabble Rd and needs to be done on Plummer School and Webber Brook Rds. A culvert is needed on Hardscrabble RD by Sucker Brook Bridge and repairs are needed on Trull Brook Rd due to wash outs.

Old Business-Lori: They are working on getting better job descriptions from the office help to better assess the work done by whom.

The money that was in the Town Office Building fund was used to pave the parking lot with a small amount used from the Contingency fund.

New Business: Julie McQueen has volunteered to help with the filing system, to try to make it more manageable. This has been table for later discussion.

Mail: Lake Region Senior Transportation Program sent a request for a donation. Wayne called and explained the need for a financial report to be received by 12/31/12 for them to be added as an article at town meeting.

Kristin made motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, was 2nd by Wayne, voted and passed.

Respectfully,

Alberta Ridlon