

TOWN OF SWEDEN Selectman's Meeting
January 12, 2016

Attendance: Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Tim Cook, Audra Cook, Tony Campbell from Altus Construction, Corin Mehan, Kim Ashley, Chris Chadbourne and Eric Gulbrandsen.

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03 and then called the meeting to order.

Lori passed out an addition to the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes to Wayne and Bruce to go over. Lori made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2015 as corrected. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved 3-0.

Visitors:

Chris Chadourne – Budget Committee
Tim & Audra Cook – Sweden Fire Department
Tony Campbell – Altus Construction

Report of Officers and Committees:

Animal Control Officer – Jacqueline Frye:

Check at Eddie Golts house on Haskell Hill Rd.

CEO – Eric Gulbrandsen:

Lori asked Eric if the Phosphorus Control plan had been done yet. Eric stated that he is working on the forms. Eric stated that as it turns out, the contractors working on the Bridgton Academy project were not certified. He spoke to Bill LaFlamme from Maine DEP and found out that Khiel Excavation was not certified in erosion control as he previously had thought. Khiel Excavation has 14 days to become certified. Eric stated that Khiel Excavation has taken the course but has not had a site evaluation yet. Eric stated that he may have to issue a stop work order. Tony Campbell from Altus Construction, stated that he had emailed Eric in August and explained what he was doing and that Eric had given him the green light. Eric stated that the scope of work had changed from what Tony had

described in the August email and that had changed things. Eric stated that Altus Construction would have to have a certified contractor in erosion control on site. Tony stated that they did not have to be on site. Lori commented that she believed that a certified person in erosion control did have to be on site and Tony stated that that was not true. Eric stated that a Phosphorus Control Plan would have to be done as well and that he would get the forms to Mr. Campbell. Tony Campbell stated that he had talked to Bill LaFlamme from DEP and that Bill had given him a link to renew his certification and that he had to pay a \$55.00 fee. Tony gave the impression that he had done that and received a 90 on the online test. He then stated that he received a call from Bill LaFlamme on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 telling him he would have to take the Erosion Control class again instead of the online link. Tony stated, after he found out that Eric had talked to Bill LaFlamme that day as well, that Eric or the Town of Sweden had something to do with Bill's decision. Lori stated that that was crazy to think that the Town of Sweden or Eric has any influence on DEP's decision. Tony thought it was ridiculous that he had to take an 8 hour course ago and that if you do not renew your driver's license, you do not have to take driver's education again. Tony stated that he had worked on a big project up North and was in charge of erosion control for the whole project and he is well aware of what needs to be done. Tony stated that timing on this project is critical this time of year and he has lined up a jacking company to try to get the cabin stabilized before it falls into the pond. If Sweden issues a stop work order, it will cost him money to keep the job plowed out and he didn't know how busy the jacking company was. He would also have to find something for his guys to do. Lori stated that the Town of Sweden is not trying to cost him money, however, it is our job to make sure he follows Town of Sweden Ordinances and Maine Law. Eric stated that a phosphorus control plan is in the works and he apologized that things are a little out of order. Wayne Miller asked what kind of a time frame are we looking at and Eric stated that he should have something by the end of the week. Lori stated that she had spoken with a friend who is an engineer for a surveying company and that he stated that usually an engineer does the phosphorus control plans. To the best of his knowledge, there is no generic form for phosphorus control plans but he wasn't sure. Tony Campbell stated that the phosphorus control plan does not need to be engineered. Lori stated that she understood that it does not have to be engineered but most people do. Tony Campbell stated that everyone

keeps saying “silt fence, silt fence silt fence. You can’t put silt fence in frozen ground. The land is rocky and it would disturb more area to try to get it in. There are large boulders that would have to be moved and it would make more of a mess and cause more damage at this point. Eric agreed and stated that where silt fence cannot be used, an erosion control berm is allowed. Eric told Tony that there would have to be an erosion control berm by the cabin if any excavation work was being done. Tony stated that it would be hard to do. He would have to build a ramp to get down in front of the cabin and that the cabin is in jeopardy of falling into the pond. It is being held up by trees right now. Tony stated that he needs to make sure the cabin is secure. Eric told Tony that he needs to get erosion there if any digging is going on. Eric stated that he had been to the job site and that the banks had been covered with hay and that check dams had been done. Tony stated that he is using trees at the bottom of the down slope for erosion and that that is a DEP approved method. Everything was done properly and that issuing a stop work order would cost him money. Again, Lori stated that it is not the Town of Sweden intention to cost anyone any money and that it is in no one’s best interest to have the cabin fall into the pond. Town of Sweden ordinances and Maine Law have to be followed. If the Selectman decide to make an exception for you, (Altus Construction), that would set a bad precedence for others in the same situation. Lori stated that there are rules, laws and ordinances for a reason and it is the Selectman’s job to make sure they are followed.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Treasurer – Kim Ashley:

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

Corin stated that they want to put heat tape on the roof to prevent ice dams. They need to contact an electrician to put an outlet on the outside of the fire station. Flanders Electric will do a quote. Flanders is giving a quote for several projects to be done to at the fire station. Tim Cook had put feelers out to some building contractors to get an idea on an estimated cost of a new fire station. Lori asked if anyone has talked to Gary Crowell. Tim said he had not and that he was getting prices from steel beam companies. Lori stated that it might be worth talking to Gary Crowell who does all of Stephen King’s projects. Bruce would like to get together with Corin and some members of the fire department. Corin

stated that recruitment and attendance is a concern. The recruiting process is lengthy and it is hard to get new people to commit. Corin stated that in May of 2016, he and Tim Cook would like to trade job titles. Corin stated that it makes more sense because Tim is around more and able to do the administration piece. He is more equipped to do the labor side of the department. Wayne made a motion to appoint Tim Cook as the Fire Chief effective immediately. The stipend will still go to Corin until May. Lori 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0. Bruce said he would like to get together with Corin and Tim to talk about the old fire station and to talk about some other things to do with the fire department. Bruce and Corin and some others members plan to set up a meeting.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis:

Absent – Went off road in bad weather.

Old Business:

A payment plan has been sent to a tax payer by Peter Malia.

New Business:

Lori made a motion to appoint Chris Chadbourne, Julie McQueen and Ron Shorey to the Budget Committee. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved 3-0. Chris Chadbourne from the Budget Committee was at the meeting. Chris had a copy of the new warrant articles and because Diana Curtis was absent, he made copies and passed them out. Selectman voted on the articles as follows:

Article 4, Article 5a, 5b, 5C, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, Article 5h was tabled, Article 5i, Article 6, Article 7, Article 8, Article 9, Article 10, Article 11, Article 12 & 13 were tabled, Article 13A, Article 14, Article 15, Article 16, Article 16, Article 17, Article 18, Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24, Article 25, Article 26 but need to check on wording, Article 27, Article 28, Article 29, Article 30, Article 31, Article 32, Article 33, Article 34, Article 35, Article 36, Article 37, Article 38, Article 39, Article 40 was tabled, Article 41, and added Article 42: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1800.00 for the purchase of software to access tax information online. Chris stated that the Budget Committee has some

questions for Dj, the Admin. Assistant but he would contact her directly to get them.

Lori Bennett and Wayne Miller had to sign an Emergency Services Communication Bureau form giving Bruce and Debra Taylor permission to get information if needed for the E911 system. Bruce stated that he thinks that the Animal Control officer, E911 volunteers, Bruce and Debbie Taylor and Warren Noble need to be listed on volunteer insurance policy. The Health officer is also a possibility. He is checking with Chalmers Insurance to see who they feel needs volunteer insurance. Bruce thinks the price is under \$30 per person per year. He will let us know when he gets some definite answers.

Communications:

Mail Received:

Sweden Food Pantry warrant request with financials
Letter from C. N. Brown requesting the Town's EIN
Copy of letter from Peter Malia to Reese Gilmore

Next meeting January 26, 2016 at 6:00pm

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 10:15pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Lori Bennett
Board of Selectman, Chairperson