

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting
February 23, 2016

Attendance: Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Kim Ashley and DJ Curtis.

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes with for January 26, 2015 with corrections. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Taylor, approved 3-0.

Visitors:

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

Lori mentioned a form from Julie McQueen regarding Freedom of Access Act information regarding the Bridgton Academy's building on their right-of-way across the property of Julie and Dan McQueen in Sweden, Maine. Including but not limited to copies of all emails, letters, documented phone conversations, meeting minutes, submittals and stop work orders. Wayne Miller said the information would be gathered and given to Julie. Wayne will call her and tell her that it is in process and will get it to her soon.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Alberta Ridlon left a note regarding the need for an electrician to fix the loose light over the meeting tables. Wayne said he would stop over at Mclver's Electric to see if they can come look at it.

A list of town meeting procedures was given to the Selectmen from Alberta. The Selectmen discussed and decided they would like 20 copies available at the Town Meeting. Lori will ask Alberta to make copies for the Annual Town Meeting.

Treasurer-Kim Ashley

The Selectmen discussed with Kim Ashley the Reece Gilmore issue. The lack of address has made sending a contract from the town attorney to Mr. Gilmore impossible, Kim explained. The contract that was sent, was returned unopened. Bruce said he would ride by and knock on the door to see if anyone is living at the Gilmore house.

Kim said she had inquired about the Ridlon Cemetery CD, and it will expire July 2017. She also gave a copy to Sue Black, Cemetery Sexton. Sue would like to take the interest from the CD to use in the Ridlon Cemetery. Wayne asked Kim to ask Sue what she had in mind for spending the money on. Kim said the CD could be renewed on an annual basis.

SVFD – Tim Cook

No report.

Bruce said he would be attending the Sweden Fire Department meeting on Thursday. He will be listening to their ideas and issues and offering his assistance.

Bruce discussed the Fire Department building committee with the Selectmen. Wayne said we need a Fire Department before a building committee. They need to get organized before moving forward with a new building.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Lori reported that some bump signs will be put out. Branches still need to be cut along the road sides. Some ditching will be done on Black Mountain Road, she also said.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)

DJ Curtis reviewed the Annual Report with the Selectmen. The report will go to the printers next week she said.

DJ discussed the LRAP and Summer Roads accounts with the Selectmen.

She also discussed Legal Account for Annual Warrant and the legal bills received for 2016.

DJ asked the Selectmen about the 2015 Audit.

DJ asked the Selectmen about the moderator for the Town Meeting. Peter Malia will moderate the Annual Town Meeting, Lori said.

Wayne made a motion to amend Article 25 for Legal Counsel to increase to \$6000.00. The motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

Wayne made a motion to have Peter Malia moderate the Annual Town Meeting at a cost of \$150.00. The motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

Lori made a motion to use RHR Smith for the annual audit. The motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Wayne made a motion to change Article 39 for LRAP fund balance from \$60,000 to \$83,276.33. The motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

Old Business:

Bruce discussed having a security system for the Town Office. Wayne has researched Wam Security and Bruce agreed that they were very good and local. Wayne will contact Wam and get information on the different services.

New Business**Communications:**

Donation request was received from Life Flight Foundation with financial statements.

Mail Received:

A Solicitation letter from Ron Beaulieu & Co, from Portland, asking if the Town needs an auditor, was received.

Letter from Peter Malia regarding appeals decision.

USDA letter on community facility programs.

DHHS estate recovery program informational letter.

US Census Bureau informational letter.

Next meeting will be March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Diana J. Curtis

Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen