

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting
March 22, 2016

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

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes for March 8, 2016. Motion was 2nd by Wayne Miller and approved 3 -0.

Visitors:

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Lori reported that Alberta Ridlon left a note asking if the Freedom of Access of Information should have the town's address on it. Lori said she would check to see if she has a digital copy of the form for adjusting.

Treasurer-Kim Ashley

Kim Ashley left a copy of an email regarding Oil & Gas development for the Selectmen to review. It was decided that it was spam.

SVFD – Tim Cook

Tim Cook discussed with the Selectmen some of his concerns on the future. The Fire Department's reporting system is a disaster, Tim reported. He is going through all the reports and revising them and simplifying them. Tim said he is trying to get the inventory report up to date also. DJ asked for a copy of the inventory as soon as he has it for the insurance company.

Bruce Taylor asked Tim if there was any assistance the Selectmen could be with getting the paperwork up to date. Tim said at this point there is not much for them to help with. As soon as the reports are up to date, he said, he would like to call for an inspection.

Tim mentioned that he wants to make digital copies of all the files. The hard copy files will be kept at the town office.

Tim discussed the pump truck and equipment status and that he sees it as being replaced. The cost to repair would be too high to make repairs financially viable. Some long range planning is needed and he want to be realistic with his goals and expectations. Tim will get the Selectmen some replacement and repair figures, he told them.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

3/09/16-3/22/16

Work done since last report:

Fixed a deep mud hole on Haskell Hill Rd. Smoothed up, put fabric down and 68 yards of crushed gravel over the top. Broke up a big ice buildup on Wint Rd that had deep pot holes and water running across the road. Put a cable across the Route 93 end of Trull Brook Rd. Cut branches that are hanging into the road on Webber Pond Rd.

Work to be done in the next month:

Branches to be cut on sides of road where needed.

Lori reported that there was a huge mud hole on Haskell Hill Road. They put fabric and gravel down in the hole to eliminate the hole, she said.

Wint Road had an ice issue and pot holes which they also fixed, Lori reported.

They cut some branches back on Webber Pond Road, Lori said.

Lori said that Troy did go off the road on Plummer School Road. No damage to the road, she said, he broke the tar a little bit where he got pulled out.

Lori reported that Stephen did talk to Western Maine Timberlands, and they are not loading heavy. Stephen told them as long as it was cold and light loads, they should be alright.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)

Kim spoke to the Selectmen about a couple classes she would like to take. The costs are \$55 and \$100 for a tax lien class and vital statistics class. The Selectmen approved the training request.

Wayne made a motion to appoint Diana Curtis as the Administrative Assistant for three years. Bruce 2nd the motion and approved 3-0.

DJ Curtis reviewed the 2016 MMA Insurance application with the Selectmen and asked them to sign it in the proper places.

Old Business

Lori reported that Peter Malia has revised the Mr. Gilmore agreement, amending the dates and amounts. Once Mr. Gilmore signs it the Selectmen will need to sign it.

Wayne reported that he has called and spoke with Blaine Chapman about mowing the cemeteries and that he will do it again this year.

New Business

Lori said a person that owns property on Popple Hill Road has asked for a Popple Hill Road sign. There was one, but it was in the wrong place and is now missing. Wayne said it is not a town road and the signs are not the town's responsibility. Bruce said he would look into it, for 911 purposes.

Communications/Mail Received:

Information was received on a bill being considered for people living on public easements. Wayne said he didn't believe we had any.

Letter from Jay Robinson regarding MMA bond for school project. The first payment for the first year is 2 interest payments.

Letter from Peter Hastings accepting the Towns Vote of Appeals for the dock case.

Notice and Briefing schedule for Board of Appeals case received from Hastings Malia, P.A.

US Census bureau census given to DJ to complete.

Lori made a motion to go into executive session as per 1M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0 at 7:42 pm.

Lori made a motion to resume the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Lori said Eric and she met with Mike Morris from DEP last Friday. Eric and Mike are both doing a report to be sent to Bridgton Academy. Recommendations including check dams, cross culverts, are all to be included in report. The turnaround that is within 100 feet of the water will also need to be moved. Mike said there was not enough hay for erosion control. The silt is already filling the check dams. The contractor needs to add 2 culverts on the down slope, Lori said. The phosphorus control plan needs additional work, Lori said.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Bruce 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Diana J. Curtis
Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen