

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting
August 23, 2016

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

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 with corrections. Motion was 2nd by Wayne Miller and approved 3-0.

Visitors:

None

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No Report

CEO- Larry Lyle:

Lori said another person called for a permit and she gave him Larry's telephone number.

Larry does seem to be doing well, Lori said.

The Selectmen discussed the compensation for the CEO. Lori said Larry is hoping to go to at least \$6000 a year. Bruce Taylor said we should pay his mileage also. Lori said he will be putting in regular office hours. Bruce suggested \$7500 per year with Federal Standard mileage.

Bruce made a motion to increase the annual compensation to the CEO to \$7500.00 annually plus Federal Standard mileage rate reimbursements. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Bruce made a motion to add Article 5 to the Special Town Meeting....To see if the town will accept a gift of land from George Bassett on Wint Road adjacent to the town landing. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Alberta left a Town Hall Rental form on October 2nd for the Selectmen to sign, which they did.

Treasurer-Kim Ashley

Lori made a motion to pay the FR Carroll bill from LRAP and Summer Roads. \$22,444.14 from LRAP and \$50,000.00 from Summer Roads. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

SVFD – Tim Cook

Tim Cook said everything is going good.

Tim said he would like to do a site walk soon for the proposed new fire building. Wayne said sure, anytime he wants.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Lori reported that ditching had been done on Wint road.

On Fern Drive they brought the excavator to grind and clean up sticks. It looks very good, Wayne said.

Black Mountain Road need to be ditched, Lori said, and also Webber Pond Road.

Lori asked about winter sand. Lori said the Winter Road Contract says we need to have Troy haul it, but we could have Tibbett's do it next year. This year Tibbett's could screen and prepare the sand. Lori said we need to remember to change this when we redo the winter road contract next year.

Lori reported that John Sole from Heritage Drive called to complain about a signs missing on Route 93, speed limits and right of way. Wayne said it doesn't matter because it is a state road.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)

The Selectmen voted on the following special town meeting articles;

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will take from Surplus for 2016 Legal Counsel over expenditures.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) \$25,000.00

Article 3. To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw all principal and interest money from the Ridlon Cemetery CD at Norway Savings Bank established in 2003 and to close it. All monies, principal and interest are to be put in a new carry-forward account for the specific purpose of repairing, maintaining and upgrading the Ridlon Cemetery. The available balance in the CD as of June 28, 2016 was \$5,763.24.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) APPROVAL

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will take from Surplus for the purpose of increasing the Code Enforcement Officer's compensation. Current 2016 Code Enforcement Officer's compensation is \$3,151.00.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) \$7,500.00 plus mileage

Article 5. To see if the Town will accept a parcel of land from George Bassett on Wint Road located adjacent to the Town Landing as a gift.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) APPROVAL

The Selectmen signed the warrant for Special Town Meeting.
DJ distributed to the Selectmen the current P & L with budget.

Old Business

Lori said that Nate couldn't get to the floor anytime soon. Wayne said to have Nate take a look at it and give us a quote to repair for next year's annual warrant.

Bruce asked if we wanted to get our workman's compensation from MMA instead of Chalmers. Bruce will work on getting cost for spring discussion. The Selectmen all agreed on looking at cost savings for workman's compensation insurance.

Lori said she received an email from Peter Malia asking for a consensus on the case and whether it will be resolved soon. Lori said we need to stay strong and stick to the town's ordinances. We have so much documentation, Lori said, they could never win in court. Bruce said we should direct our attorney to prepare for litigation. Negotiations have gone nowhere, Bruce said.

New Business

Wayne said that Mary Sohl called him and said that at the Waterford Town Line, people are dumping garbage, TV's, etc. Wayne said it is a state road and that he will call the Sherriff to alert him of the situation.

Communications/Mail Received:

MSAD 72 asking for residency help with student count.
MSIS ice removal information.

Next meeting will be September 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Diana J. Curtis

Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen

