

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting  
November 22, 2016

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Janet Mahannah, Kathy Reilly, Doug Porter, Kim Ashley, and DJ Curtis.

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

Wayne Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of November 8, 2016. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Taylor and approved 3-0.

**Visitors:**

Janet Mahannah, Kathy Reilly and Doug Porter, are a committee from the Historical Society regarding removing asbestos from the school house and removing the wooden structure off the back of the building, explained Janet. They are hoping for support from the town. Janet also said that Doug has done a lot of ground work around the building. Janet said the Blacksmith Shop was cleaned out last year and they hopefully will have displays available there soon. Janet said they are hoping to make the School House as a meeting place for the Historical Society and hopefully classes also. The Historical Society would like the Selectmen to add an article to the Annual Town Warrant for the March Town Meeting in the amount of \$8,250.00.

Bruce asked Janet about the Ridlon Cemetery work. It has become complicated, Bruce said. He has been in contact with MMA regarding the 3 trees to be removed. The point is access because the tree is on private property. If Qteam goes on the private land a release will need to be signed by the owner. After a discussion with MMA, we could be liable if the tree dies from cutting it back, but also the land owner also has liability if the tree falls down, Bruce stated. Bruce will approach the landowner and recommend a formal release to be signed. There was also a question of lumber value going back to the landowner. The landowner requested that he get the timber, Bruce said.

**Report of officers and committees:**

**Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:**

No report

**CEO- Larry Lyle:**

No Report

Lori said she spoke with town attorney Derwood Parkinson and he thinks we need to go into mediation with Bridgton Academy and the town. Lori said we already mediated in May, but this will be different resulting in a signed document for the work to be done. Wayne said it makes sense. Lori said this needs to be done before going to court. Lori said temporary erosion control has been done. The right of way still has not been done, Lori said.

**Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:**

No report

**Treasurer-Kim Ashley**

Kim said we had a gentleman from Wam, Bill Nelby, to give estimate for security cameras and other items.

Kim said the CD has been closed from the Ridlon Cemetery and will be deposited this week.

**SVFD – Tim Cook**

Tim gave the SFVD 2017 budget request to the Selectmen. The Amount the Fire Department is requesting for 2017 is \$29,885.00. Tim would like the unexpended funds to be allowed to be carried forward to the next year. Tim also reported on a grant they will be receiving for hoses.

Wayne asked Tim about fire permits, he said he couldn't access it. Tim will look into why it was locked out.

**Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:**

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

11/09/16-11/22/16

**Work done since last report:**

Patching done on Hardscrabble and Webber Pond Rd. Ditching done on Black Mtn. Rd. Fixed wash outs and put gravel where needed on Trull Brook Rd.

**Work to be done in the next month:**

**Expenses:**

Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc. - \$

**Anticipated expenses:**

F. R. Carroll Paving

Lori reported that ditching is done on Black Mountain Road. Trull Brook Road was also fixed, crowned it so water would drain off. Lori said Stephen will talk to the State about putting a culvert on the Route 93 side.

Wayne said below Trull Brook Road on Route 93 on the corner where it goes up the hill, the tree is leaning out in the road and needs to be shaved back.

**Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)**

DJ distributed and discussed the current Profit & Loss statement, the 2017 Budget, The first draft of the 2017 Annual Warrant and salaries.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Lori said regarding the vault shelves that were appropriated, they have received a quote. Lori will tell Julie to purchase the shelves. Julie would like a letter giving permission to purchase shelves, Lori said.

**Communications/Mail Received:**

Property Deed received from Registry of Deeds  
Sweden Board of Appeals, case decision to dismiss  
Seniors Plus financial request.

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

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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