Minutes of the Board of Selectmen, Sweden, Maine

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Selectman Willey. Present were Selectmen Willey, Jones, and Noble, Clerk Gibbons, Scott Hatch of the ATV club, and new resident Miriam Gibely.

The contract with the Pulpit Rock Blazah's Trail ATV club was discussed and signed. The statement in the previous week's minutes was clarified to state that the roads in question were abandoned with respect to maintenance by the town in 2006, but with public easement still in force. Mr. Jones had worked over the suggested contract which now includes a statement of annual renewal and a highlighted map of roads in question. Portions of West Ellis Road, Ellis Road, West Side Road, Tapawingo Road, Fern Drive, and Evans Hill Road are included. Inquiries should be sent to the ATV club at the Waterford Town office.

Mr. Noble moved that a Tax Advisory Committee be set up to address back taxes and make sure dates were being followed in pursuit of delinquent taxes. Suggested names were Ken Forde, Ron Sislane and Carroll Murphy. Voted 3-0

Roads have been swept. Mr. Noble moved that an application be submitted for a FEMA grant for pre-flood mitigation work on Trull Brook Road to include limited ditching, maintenance and 2 culverts. (3-0)

A court appearance on the Knights Hill Road Compliance Issue was held last Wednesday. The judge gave the occupants 7 days to vacate the property. Then papers can be served. After 48 hours ensue, the Sheriff can arrest the tenants.

Mr. Willey stated that he had been offered a savings on sand for Winter Roads by Hatstead Excavation, his uncle's firm which provides sand for Albany. Mr. Willey stated that he would not vote on the contract due to conflict of interest. It has not been defined how much extra interest would need to be paid by the town if the citizens wished to take the extra \$52,000 from surplus.

The Tax Anticipation loan will be signed Friday, June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Norway Savings Bank.

Mr. Noble raised questions about missing files and access to the vault and office area. He will phone the chair of the Planning Board to see what access they and the Code Enforcement Officer need and why. He suggested moving a copy machine to the public area and putting committee mailboxes in the public area.

Minutes of the May 27th meeting were approved with the clarification of the road issues mentioned above. (3-0)

Mr. Adamson did not show up to sign the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, clerk