

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Present were: Les Michaud, Ron Kiesman, Bill Pomeroy, Paul Girard, Lenny Lavoie, Warren Noble, Heather Hoover, John Clifford, DJ Curtis, John P. Smith, Alberta Ridlon, David Johnson, Dana Henley, Beverly Wilson, Jane Gibbons

1. The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Unscheduled citizen business – Lenny Lavoie said that there was cold patch available in Poland Springs. John Clifford said that they would be applying it to Perry Hill Road.
3. There was no report from the Fire Department.
4. Roads –
 - (a) Mr. Clifford said that all the roads had been ditched except Smarts Hill Road, which would be done shortly. There is a balance of \$20,000 left in the summer roads account. This will be used to do cold patching on Perry Hill Road and buying culverts for next summer.
 - (b) Warren Noble introduced Dana Henley, a lawyer. Mr. Henley stated that the town is responsible for filling pot holes and that Title 22-65 states that the town can be responsible for paying damages up to \$6000 per person if the town has been notified and fails to address the situation. Notification must be specific. Mr. Noble had made consistent complaints since March of 2008. Mrs. Ridlon stated that pot holes were filled after each complaint was received. Mrs. Ridlon considers the estimates shown to be for regular maintenance and that the vehicles were not recent models. Speed on country roads is a factor in need for repairs. Ms Hoover said that she'd had to replace her muffler 3 times. Mrs. Ridlon is to contact the town's insurance agent, Chris McCauley, and ask the agent to speak to Mr. Henley.
 - (c) The road counters have recorded traffic on Plummer School Road and Hardscrabble. A report will be made after they are installed and removed in October.
 - (d) The Department of Transportation does have a Long Range Road Plan and they will update it.
5. Finance
 - (a) The Warrant was signed.
 - (b) The Selectmen worked on completing the URIP forms
 - (c) There was no new report on the computer and software purchase.

6. Old Business

(a) Mr. Smith had received a bid from Blaine Chapman for mowing around the Town Office building. It would be \$50 when the field is mowed and \$30 when the strip around the building is mowed. Mr. Smith will check with Paul Perry, as well.

7. New Business

(a) The minutes of the August 10 meeting were approved. Ms Gibbons needs to send July and August minutes to the eskerridge web site.

(b) Review Mail

(1) A report was received from the Code Enforcement Officer

(2) A preliminary report was received from the Auditor. It is not complete.

(3) The accessibility application has been submitted to the state for change of location of voting. Four traffic cones and 2 handicap signs need to be ordered.

(4) A VA benefit poster has been received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk