

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Present were Lou Chamberland and Claude Bolduc of Newburgh Associates, Wyatt Ridlon and John Clifford, Les Michaud, David Johnson, Eric Gulbrandsen, DJ Curtis and Jane Gibbons. The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Newburgh Associates gave a report on their software programs for cash receiving and accounting. Their program does not support electronic registration of Motor Vehicles but could generate the reports that need to be sent to the state. Their program does not communicate with the Quick Books programs that DJ uses. It would be difficult to use from a remote office due to our slower internet connection. A back-up and restore system could be used. Their program costs \$8000 the 1st year and \$1,800 the following year. They would provide 8 hours of training and the rest by remote computer.

There was no report from the Fire Department, nor unscheduled citizen business.

Roads: Smarts Hill Road ditching has been done. Grading will be done by Hanson. Culverts need to be inspected again and some replaced next year. Lee Gray Rd., Black Mt. Rd, Smarts Hill Road and one spot on Trull Brook Road need to be graded. Question: can we use FEMA money. Answer: only on specific sections of Haskell Hill, Lee Gray and Black Mtn. Rds related to previous storms.

There was a lengthy discussion of the letter to be sent to the contractors to get bids for the road projects that would be put in the bond package. The bids should be received Oct. 12 and opened then. Final decision to be made within 30 days. Project is subject to approval by the town voters at a special town meeting.

Question: Can the town set speed limits on its roads? Answer: this is a question to ask the DOT. The Fern Drive sign has been ordered and will arrive after the Fryeburg Fair.

Finances: Reflecting on the software presentation, DJ said she needed to talk to the accountant. Jane Gibbons did not think the program would help in Motor Vehicle issuance as it does not type out the registration forms. It relies on other web sites to determine Manufacturers' Suggested Retail Price.

The warrant was signed.

Five posts were to be ordered from Paris Farmer's Union at a cost of \$14.39 plus 10% discount.

Old Business: Jason Wentworth does not have time to do the odd jobs we needed to have done. Mr. Smith thought the most critical was the side door of the Town Hall. He would see that it was painted.

Road counters are due to be installed some time in October.

Cindy Tripp situation is being monitored.

New business: Faith Bazzrea had a complaint about the lack of responsiveness of Meryl Molloy, Animal Control Officer. Ms. Bazzrea took a cat to the Animal Shelter.

There are broken head stones at some cemeteries. The Sexton will be informed. The replacement sign will be priced for the Stevens cemetery. There is some question as to whether the snow plow or logging trucks had caused the damage.

Eric Gulbrandsen made a report of building activities and code enforcement activity.

Other: The no smoking policy was signed.

The minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved.

DJ has been hard at work sorting through old boxes in the vault room and organizing it. There are many boxes in disreputable state. A clean-up party will take place on Friday, October 1st at 10 to start going through these items. John and Jane will be there.

Alberta Ridlon will communicate with Richard Lyman about the transfer of ownership of the brick school house. Deeds state that when the building is not used for town purposes it reverts back to the church. The Historical Society would purchase it from the church for \$1.00. The town could then remove that property from its insurance responsibility.

Mr. Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. (3-0) 8:30 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk