

## **Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME**

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Present were Selectmen Alberta Ridlon, John P. Smith and C. Wayne Miller, DJ Curtis, Jane Gibbons, Lesley Michaud. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m.

Fire Department: the Mutual Aid Agreement needs to be signed. The estimate to remove the lights from Warren Noble's truck is \$250. The Fire Association members will remove the flags on October 16th.

Roads: Mr. Clifford was not able to attend the meeting. The grader has not come back. Discussion of the major road projects: Mrs. Ridlon thinks that only Hardscrabble Road should be let out to bid for bonding.. She said Plummer School Road could be shimmed to fill in the cracks at a much lower cost, but would only last 5 years. The specifications sent out to contractors are not specific enough and an engineer would need to write up more specific details. The selectmen took no vote on this proposal as they wished to think about the changes in plans. Several names of engineers were discussed. Mr. Thomas Gorrell will meet with the Selectmen about Hardscrabble Road on Monday the 18th. This will be posted. Mr. Bergeron of Sebago Technique will be contacted for a Wednesday or Thursday the 20th or 21st meeting. \$365 was the cost of recent hot topping on Perry Hill Road. Trees were trimmed on Webber Pond Road and then the sign was stolen. A complaint had been received about speeding on Webber Pond Road. A resident suggested putting in speed bumps, but it was the opinion of the Selectmen that this can only be done in urban areas. It would probably be legal to put up "Children at play" signs, but speed limit signs would have to be approved through the county commission and state DOT. Trimming trees on resident's land would probably help with visibility. Signs are needed on Webber Pond Road and Music Lane.

Finances: The warrant was signed. The five posts ordered from Paris Farmer's Union have come in and are in the vault room. \$800,000 in taxes had come in in a 5 week period and \$225 has come in more recently. Many of the back taxes have been paid. Insurance for the School House has been dropped by MMA, but the liability insurance is still valid. The Selectmen have received a copy of the agreement between the town and church concerning the use of the building.

Old Business: Mr. Smith has seen to the painting (3 coats) on the back door of the Town Hall and touching up of areas near the front door. The road counters have not been placed as yet. Long Range plans are on hold. Vehicles have been removed from the Tripp property. Fern Drive sign has not come yet. The use of the Town Office as a voting place has been approved, with suggestions from the Secretary of State's office (Tina Means). The phone company needs to install the accessibility line in the Town Office. Ms Gibbons requested help of the Selectmen in moving things from the Town Hall to the Office.

New business: Broken cemetery stones at Stevens Cemetery were estimated to cost \$650 by Arthur's in Red Stone. J.P. Smith moved to have these five stones repaired and 2 at Haskell Cemetery. (Voted 3-0) Mr. Smith requested a report from cemetery inspection by the Cemetery Sexton within 2 weeks. The repair of the sign at the Stevens Cemetery is \$360. It was done by

Ridlon Metal Works and will be set back 2 feet further from the road. C. Wayne Miller will be at the office on Thursday morning between 9:30 and 10 when Wallace Allen will pick up the discarded papers sorted out from the vault room. There was some ambiguity about who is on the Budget Committee. Julie McQueen has been appointed. It was unclear as to whether Chris Chadbourne and Jim Carty would serve.

Other: The minutes of the September 28th meeting were approved. Mr. Miller pointed out that Fire Department people ought to be attending meetings held in the county to get information about grants. Mr. Miller will discuss a plan with Jim Willey so that our Department is aware of grants offered. An additional work party to go through boxes of old materials will be scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Smith moved the adjournment of the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk