

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Present: D.J. Curtis, Jane Gibbons, Eric Gulbrandsen and Selectpersons Alberta Ridlon, JP Smith and C Wayne Miller.

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no unscheduled citizen business.

Report from CEO: Eric Gulbrandsen gave the September CEO report. He had investigated the logging on Black Mountain Road and found it in compliance. The logging company had added extra gravel at the entry way. There has been some improvement on the Smarts Hill Road property. Mr. York was informed of the rules about not moving stone walls and has complied. A Cell Tower application has been received for Popple Hill. This will be reviewed at the November Planning Board Meeting. Applications for 2 additions have been received. Mr. Gulbrandsen is to investigate additional buildings at the Lemieux property.

Fire Department: Molloy has not changed the charge card. The lights on Mr. Noble's truck have not been removed yet. Mr. Noble will have a date as to when this will happen. Mr. Willey will get more information about radio applications, meet with county officials and have grant applications ready by the Nov. 9 deadline. The system is changing from board band to narrow band. The flags have been removed from utility poles and the rest will be removed by Veteran's day.

Roads: The grader has worked on Black Mountain Road and Mr. Bennett will roll it. Then Lee Grey Road will be done. The Selectmen had met with Tom Gorrill of Gorrill and Palmer, engineering. In phase one he will come up with a preliminary opinion of probable construction cost. This may cost up to \$5000 and will be taken from Summer Roads. JP Smith moved to proceed with phase 1 (voted 3-0). The engineer cost will range from 4 to 6 % of the total cost.

Finances: DJ Curtis showed the Municipal Valuation Return from the Assessors. She gave out 2011 budget projections to be discussed next meeting. She proposed that by Jan. 15th they be able to have the completed budget ready to submit to the budget committee. She projects a 3% cost of living increase for staff. Julie McQueen has requested revised job descriptions from all staff. The 1st meeting in November will deal with town charges. Nov. 22nd meeting will deal with Roads. The Fire department is asked to submit a budget by Nov. 22 to be discussed at the first meeting in December. DJ had received an extensive list of questions from Mrs. McQueen which would take many hours of investigation. These questions were distributed to the Selectmen and they will attempt to answer some of the questions. Mrs. Ridlon suggested that next year's grading be sent out to bid.

Old Business: The work on town buildings requested by MMA Insurance has been finished. Mrs. Ridlon suggested putting reflect tape or paint on the beams in the Salt shed so that equipment operators are aware of their presence at night time. The road counters will be put up in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Ridlon had called Cindy Tripp about the fine. Road signs have been orders for Fern Drive, Music Lane and Webber Pond

Road. Mrs. Gibbons said Dale Hammen of Camp Encore-Coda called reporting that more road signs have disappeared. Wint Road, Encore Coda Lane and Katahdin Road signs are gone. Because of the difficulty in removing the signs, he suspects that it is a group of fellows out to show their bravado. Ryan McIvers reported that Buzzell Road sign has also been taken. Mrs. Ridlon stated that Wyatt Ridlon would be trying to affix the signs so that they cannot be taken so easily.

New Business: Mrs. Susan Black had visited all the cemeteries and reported that there were no more broken stones. The repair cost of the ones at Steven's cemetery and Haskell Cemetery will be taken from Buildings and Grounds and Contingency accounts. The Cemetery account has no more funds.

Other: Mr. Miller moved the Minutes of Oct. 12th be approved. (3-0). Letters opened included Management discussion, Town of Sweden Net Assets, Posters for the No Smoking Policy, and a hearing in Bridgton concerning McDonalds. Mrs. Gibbons will tell Maine Fiber Company that we want to hear from internet providers.

Mrs. Gibbons reported that there have been 40 applications for absentee ballots each taking a long time to process in the CVR. She will call the help desk for technical assistance to see if something can be done to speed up the State supplied computer. Bill Jones had checked the internet speed and it was as it should be. A number of the election clerks are not able to help on Nov. 2 She has recruited Carol Sislane, David Johnson, Morris Gibely and Dell Foss to replace Annette Bouchard, Kathi Shorey and Stephanie McKeith. There will be a work party on Saturday, Oct. 30th at 9:30 to continue going through and discarding old paper work.

At 7:30 Mr. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. (voted 3-0)