

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

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Present were Wyatt Ridlon, John Clifford, Eric Gulbrandsen, Jim Willey, DJ Curtis, Wayne Miller, Alberta Ridlon, John P. Smith, Jane Gibbons. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m.

CEO report: Eric Gulbrandsen said that the Cell Tower would come before the Planning Board. It would require a site visit. Two road openings on Black Mtn. Road and Route 93 were inspected.

James Willey reported on the Fire Department. There was still nothing new about Molloy and the charge card. Grants have been submitted for narrow band radios. Mr. Willey presented the 2011 budget, which was less than last year.

The cemetery sexton Sue Black is to remove cemetery flags. Gerald Bishop Jr., buried in the Ridlonville Cemetery was not a veteran and should not have that designation in the cemetery.

Fire Department: Ms. Willey reported that he had not heard back from Molloy concerning the charge card. The lights have been removed from Mr. Noble's truck. Shawn Adams removed them at a price of \$200-250. The radios have been applied for. The Office and Fire Station flags will remain up. All others will be taken down after Veteran's day.

Roads: Big trees came down on Tapawingo, Waterford and Hardscrabble road Sunday night causing power outages. Fire personnel are not to remove trees and not by themselves when wires are down. Grading work on Lee Grey Road can be charged to FEMA. Grading on ¼ mile on Black Mtn. Road should be charged to summer roads. Selectmen will meet with the engineer on Nov. 10 to inspection Hardscrabble road from Ridlonville Road on down.

Mr. Ridlon gave an extensive report on roads: New culverts, culverts cleaned out, new run offs and ditching are needed on various roads including, but not limited to Haskell Hill Road, Tapawingo Road, Webber Pond Road, Lee Gray Road, Trull Brook Road, and Plummer School Road near the Cemetery.

Finances: The warrant was signed. Mrs. Curtis gave out more budget sheets on salaries and Town Charges. They show no increase in salaries. John Smith suggested a 50% increase to the assistant road commissioner to \$750 and a \$500 one time bonus to the Treasurer as she has done so much to get back taxes paid and liens properly processed. Ms. Gibbons reminded the Board of the increased responsibilities as Motor Vehicle agent and added processing required by the state in the registration of voters and processing of absentee ballots. The last election had 204 votes cast, 48 of which were absentee votes. She has had no increase in salary with the increase in responsibilities. Various suggestions were made concerning the spending of remaining 2010 town charges including a faster computer for the clerk, an upgrade in internet service, more shelving for the vault room etc.

Old Business: Mr. Drew will not be billed for repairs to the Old Salt shed which were fixed by Jason Wentworth. Road counters were in place on Plummer School Road and Hardscrabble road. In considering the winter road contract with Mr. Drew, it was suggested that an addendum be added that the Contractor be responsible for damages to town property caused by contractor's equipment. Signs for Fern Drive, Music Lane, and Webber Pond Road are ready to be picked up.

New Business: New signs need to be ordered for Katahdin Road, Wint Road, Encore-Coda Lane, Marr Road and Buzzell Road. No other signs are missing stated Wayne Miller.

Last Meeting Minutes. Wayne Miller moved the approval of the Oct. 26 minutes. (voted 3-0)

Mail was opened and read.

Ms Gibbons will miss the December 14th meeting. DJ Curtis is to take minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk