

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Present were Alberta Ridlon, John P. Smith, John Clifford, James Willey, Diana J. Curtis and Jane Gibbons. The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no unscheduled citizen business.

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.

Mr. Clifford gave no report on roads except that the roads had been sanded on Monday. Mr. Smith handed out an addendum to be added to Mr. Drew's winter roads contract concerning responsibility for repairs to Town owned property. It was approved (2-0).

Finance: The warrant was signed. DJ. Curtis reported that there is \$126,000 outstanding in 2010 taxes. At the end of last year there was \$126,000 outstanding. A large number of long term outstanding taxes have been paid. There was discussion of salary allocations for 2011. Other items on the 2011 budget were discussed.

Old Business: The road counters have been removed. There is no report as yet.

Signs have been ordered for Katahdin, Wint, Encore-Coda, Marr and Bussell roads.

New Business: Dale Hannen had reported that he had been refused dumping privileges at the Lovell Transfer Station because he was connected with camp Encore-Coda. As the camp is closed he felt this was unfair. The Transfer Station manager will be contacted to straighten out the matter. The Warren Noble Claim for property damage to vehicles has been denied due to Maine State Tort law immunity.

Mrs. Ridlon said that she had researched with MMA the possibility of conflict of interest concerning a Selectman serving as Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters. The legal department stated that there had never been a ruling on this, but that there is definite conflict of interest concerning the position of Tax/Collector treasurer.

A report has been received from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Alberta Ridlon moved that the minutes of the November 9 meeting be approved. Voted (2-0).

Jane Gibbons, Clerk

