

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Present were: Debby Dembski and Stephanie Leblond of the Sexual Assault Center, Selectmen Alberta Ridlon, C. Wayne Miller, John P. Smith, Road Commissioner John Clifford, Fire Chief James Willey, Diana J. Curtis Administrative Assistant, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Jane Gibbons, Clerk. The meeting was opened at 6:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REACH, the Rape Education and Crisis Hot-line, requested that the Town of Sweden contribute \$100 toward the \$29,000 needed to be raised locally. The agency trains Police and Medical professionals and runs extensive programs in the school as well as counseling with the victims and parents. They wish to speak at the Town Meeting. John Smith moved that they be allowed to speak at the Town Meeting and that \$100 be added to the Warrant for REACH. (voted 3-0)

There has been no report from the Planning Board (which was meeting tonight) concerning the wind power ordinance.

Mr. Willey presented a bill for 5 50 lb. buckets of safety melt order by Warren Noble. The Selectmen refuse to pay. (3-0) Mr. Willey stated that a bill for 5 air blow bottles recertified by Fire Tech and Safety would be coming in. Mr. Miller had called Dead River about a fuel account, but the agreement has not been completed.

A discussion of roads issued. Mrs. Ridlon requested that Robby Drew be present to discuss the methods of sanding the roads. The Selectmen also need to discuss the addendum to the contract concerning responsibility of damage to town property. Mr. Clifford said that roads on hills are to be sanded on each side. Flat areas do not need much sanding.

Finances: The Warrant was signed. DJ reported that the State maximum for back tax interest is set at 7%. JP Smith moved that Article 30 include this figure. (voted 3-0)

Mr. Sawin Millet is not available to be moderator at the town meeting. David Knapp was suggested. Mr. Miller moved that David Knapp be asked. (3-0)

There was a question from the Budget Committee concerning the appropriateness of returning the allocation for the computer program back to surplus. The Selectmen ruled that if money had come from surplus, it could be returned to surplus. Discussion of salaries followed. Training money needs to be figured into the budget. DJ will put an ad in the newspaper in mid-February to advertise for positions of Treasurer/tax collector and Clerk/Registrar of Voters. Mr. Smith moved to increase salaries by 2% for all town employees. (3-0). DJ Curtis said that that would equal \$1,100. John Smith moved that the Treasurer/Tax Collector and Clerk/Registrar of Voters be given a one time supplemental compensation of \$500 each due to the extended research needed to bring the lien situation up to date and the increased responsibilities as Motor Vehicle Agent added to the Clerk's position. The notices concerning forecloses and liens are to be sent soon.

New Business: An aerial photograph of the town will be featured on the front page. Mr. Miller is to work on the tribute to Carroll Murphy.

The minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting were approved. (3-0)

Mr. Smith moved at 7:50 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned. (voted 3-0)

Jane Gibbons, Clerk