

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2011

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller; Kristin Venza; Lori Bennett; Diana Curtis; Alberta Ridlon; James Willey; John Clifford, Rob Drew.

Pledge of Allegiance was said at 6 PM.

The Meeting was called to order by Wayne Miller.

A motion was made by Wayne to approve the minutes to August 9th meeting, 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

There was no unscheduled citizens business.

Finance: Diana reported that all accounts are looking good. We will start the preliminary budget next week for 2012. It was suggested by Wayne that we try to get at least one member of the budget committee at each meeting so they will know how, what and why the selectmen approve what they do. Alberta suggested, that since the budget committee only have January to work on the budget, that it might be helpful to the budget committee if the selectmen hold a meeting the 1st Tuesday of January. This is being considered.

Town Clerk: Alberta had requested permission to take the Microsoft Office classes at Crooked River Adult and Community Education Center in Casco.

One is Office and one is Advanced. The fee is \$100.00 for both. Wayne made a motion to allow Alberta to take the classes, Kristin 2nd the motion. It was voted and approved.

Fire Department: There was a complaint regarding, where is the float for the town beach on Keyes Pond. We believe it is at the southern end of the lake. James Willey will look into this and get it moved back. There was an estimate from Down to Earth Excavation to do the work to put in a dry hydrant at Webber Pond. Wayne made a motion to hire them. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed.

Roads:

A: Winter Road Contract- Rob Drew A discussion was had about the new contract. A question was asked about the double cost of plowing and sanding at the same time. It was explained by Rob that when they are done at the same time, sanding is charged at 1/3 of the rate of normal sanding. Discussion was held on the wording in the contract section 6, operate equipment continuously. The thought here is if it is not snowing hard enough for the snow to add up to a coverage of dangerous quantity, the plows would not have to be out continuously. This is being discussed.

Rob is to come back to the next meeting with some figures for the new contract. Cancel this. The contract is still good thru the 2011-2012 season.

There are lights broken in sand shed. There was a discussion on the use of the heaters for the plow trucks when the weather warms up in the spring and the heaters are not required. It was discussed about someone being at the shed when salt deliveries are made. There was a feeling that maybe this was where some of the damage comes from. It is hard for the drivers to see all angles when they back into the shed. If we can limit deliveries to days, this would be a viable option. Sometimes the drivers are delivering early, early in the morning. Rob stated that he likes to keep three loads on hand, because sometimes deliveries cannot be made on a moments notice. We are still having a problem with the lock on the small door to the sand shed. We need to look into this problem further because we have found it opened when it should not be.

B. Roadside Mowing. Wayne got a price of \$65.00 per hour to mow roadside from Frederick McAllister in Waterford. It was thought that we should spend the money to fix the roads and hold off on this for another year.

C. Perry Hill Road has a washout. Mike Bradford reported that the electric service is exposed. John is to check on this and get it fixed. There is some logging being done up there.

D. Robert Barton requested some help with his driveway. The school bus turns around in his driveway and creates some problems. He has to continuously add more gravel to keep it usable. Wayne is to contact Bennett Transportation and see if they have any other resolution or we put in the gravel for Robert.

E. Hardscrabble Road Update: The section, about ¼ mile at the end of Ridlonville Rd has been completed. Ridlonville Rd has had its 2nd coat of finish asphalt added. This should keep it in good shape for many, many years. Alberta contacted DOT about the rules of using URIP funds to help with these upgrades and it is allowable to use this money for upgrades that are going to last at least 10 years.

Old Business: Wayne has called and cannot seem to make a one-on-one contact with the D.O.T. office in Fryeburg about the roads in Sweden that need some attention. He will keep trying.

New Business:

A: Sarah Rose Notary Class A motion was made by Wayne and 2nd by Kristin that the town pay for Sarah to take the class and have a notary in the office. It was voted and approved.

B: Annual Oxford County Budget Committee Caucus: This meeting is being held in No. Lovell on August 31st 2 6 P.M. Wayne will attend.

Lori brought in a letter of recommendation from the Town of Woodstock Re: Woodstock Oil Co.

Nate York will screw down the metal roofing over the front door. Wayne made this a motion, it was 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

A question was raised about the town's responsibility and liability with the Town Hall use for public dances. The town hall should be inspected by the Fire Marshall. It has not been done for many years. It is okay for the town to allow this use. The Town can set its own policy regarding the use of alcohol and letters of liability from those who wish to use it. The only issue is that all rules apply to ALL. Alberta contacted MMA about this.

Mail was opened and read

A motion was made by Wayne and 2nd by Kristin to adjourn. It was voted and approved. 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully,

Alberta Ridlon
Town Clerk