

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, Lori Bennett, D. J. Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, James Willey, Wyatt Ridlon, John Clifford, Eric Gulbrandsen, Dave Johnson, Jane Gibbons, Morris Gibely and Les Michaud.

6 P.M. Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by C. Wayne Miller.

Wayne made motion to approve the minutes for August 23 meeting. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

Unscheduled citizens business: Dave Johnson complimented the board and road commissioner on the work done on Plummer School Road and it is greatly appreciated. Jane Gibbons asked if any more money was available to be used on the road. Wyatt and John explained that approximately ¼ mile was to be reclaimed, culverts put in where needed, some gravel added and then paved. Steve Bennett is doing an estimate of his cost for ditching, setting culverts and gravel. John was getting an estimate from Pine Tree Paving for the reclaiming and asphalt.

We are all working towards a goal for quality roads in Sweden.

CEO-Eric Gulbrandsen report: We had 2 building permits issued for August, Fowlers and McInnis. We had a timber harvest permit and received the ME DOT Cell Tower permit. The Gerry Circle sign and the Buzzell Ln sign are missing.

Finance- DJ: The selectmen received an update report on the expense accounts. A summary was passed out for the 2012 budget with an estimated 3% raise projection. The selectmen are to look it over and come back with further questions and comments. Town Clerk had nothing to report.

Fire Department had no report.

Roads: The roads were pretty much covered under the unscheduled citizens business. Wayne had contacted Steve Oulette regarding the state roads. Fryeburg DOT is aware of our problems. At the moment they have no crew available to work on our roads. They have every hope to do some work this fall.

Wayne contacted Brian Keezar, ME DOT in Scarborough regarding a Blind Driveway sign.

The lights need to be fixed in the sand shed. A motion was made by Wayne and 2nd by Lori to contact McIver Electric to do the job.

It was voted and approved. Wayne is to contact McIver.

There is still a problem with the door entering the sand shed. Lori is to contact Nate York, have him look at it and get an estimate to put in a new door and lock.

Nate looked at the roof on the town office in the vee section about repairing a tear of the metal. He found that the roof has strapping and there is no way he can screw it down. So at this point we are going to wait and watch for further damage this following winter before we do anything.

Old Business: The bus turn around in Robert Barton's driveway.

Wayne spoke with Aaron Bennett. He stated that it is a town issue and they usually provide the necessary turn around at the end of a route. The selectmen will have the bus driver call if the driveway is breaking up and the town will put some gravel in for him.

Wayne will have a talk with Mr. Barton.

Wayne made a motion to move our heating business to Woodstock Oil Co for all the town's buildings. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

New Business: Kristin will contact Blaine Chapman about mowing and trimming around the Town Office and driveway.

Other: There is a tree leaning towards the Town Hall that should be taken down. It is on someone else's property. Wayne will talk with the owners and see what can be done about it.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Kristin. It was moved and passed. 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Alberta Ridlon
Town Clerk