

**Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
February 14, 2012**

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, Diana J. Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, Eric Gulbrandsen, James Willey, Warren Bailey.

6 P.M. Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24. It was 2nd by Kristin, voted and approved.

Unscheduled Citizens: ACO Bill Bailey requested town to pay for business cards. This was tabled. Bill also wanted to know if Sweden found any animal control laws. Kristin stated that we follow the state laws. Bill was asked to bring in laws from other towns for us to look at.

CEO Report-Eric Gulbrandsen: brought in his report for January and a summary of building account. Wayne brought up the RV permits question regarding some property on Black Mtn Rd. Eric will look at this. Selectmen requested a key to the ACO's filing cabinet in the office.

Finance – DJ: Town surplus is in good shape YE: \$370,000. The state recommends that the town have at least enough in surplus to pay 3 months bills. We are still waiting for the school and county tax bills. Discussion returned on the size of the Town report. Wayne made a motion, 2nd by Kristin to keep it the same as 2011. It was voted 3-0. This was also discussed about bringing this up at the town meeting for the peoples input.

Article 10. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate to pay for **Lovell Dump contract** and to pay for any additional usage charges from surplus monies.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) \$37238.00

Budget Committee recommends

This article had to be revoted as a new bill came in from Lovell.

Wayne made motion, 2nd by Kristin, voted, & passed. 3-0

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Assessors to draw upon the Surplus Account not more than .0003 of the present State Valuation of the Town, \$85,900.000 for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend .0003

Budget Committee recommends

Wayne made motion, 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed 3-0

Article 24. To see what sum the town will raise or appropriate and or take from Surplus for the purpose of **Legal Counsel** and to allow the balance to carryover.

Selectmen recommend Appropriate (2-0)

\$3,000.00

Budget Committee recommends

Wayne made a motion to remove from this article the words "to allow the balance to carry over". This was 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed 3-0.

Article 30. To see if the Town will accept the highest interest rate set by the State of Maine Planning Office for delinquent taxes committed in the current year. (Rate cannot be greater than the State rate of 7% for 2012.)

Selectmen recommend

3-0

Budget Committee recommends

Wayne made the motion, 2nd by Kristin, voted and passed 3-0.

Town Clerk-Alberta had nothing.

Fire Department-Jim Gave his report to DJ. Air quality test on compressor OK.

Roads: John: John called in his report. Steve Bennett hauled stone dust to fill holes on Hardscrabble and Webber Pond roads. Lori will see if Steve can pick up bumps signs to put out where needed when he's working on the roads. Wayne made motion to post the roads Effective Feb 20. Kristin 2nd, it was voted and passed. Robbie has broken his leg. He reported that the sand shed is full. Lori is to contact Marcus Fox about repairing the tin work and door frame at the sand shed.

Old Business: The tree has been removed in back of the Town Hall.

New Business: Freedom of Access Law All newly elected officials need to take this test within 120 days of their election. We had a request for the electronic copy of tax maps and spread sheets so they could be posted on the Sweden website.

Mail: Received a donation \$150.00 for the Sweden Community Fund.

Wayne made motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Kristin 2nd, voted and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

Alberta Ridlon
Town Clerk