

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
July 24, 2012

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, D.J. Curtis, Alberta Ridlon, Jean Bouchard, Eric Gulbrandson, Kristin Venza.

Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6pm and then called the meeting to order. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes to July 10, 2012 meeting. Lori suggested that we add the use of the Town Hall fund and some from the contingency fund for the parking lot. (This was done and new copies filed). The motion passed.

CEO-Eric Gulbrandson brought in his report. He had some activity in June. Patricia Larken and Justin McIver are building. No RV and No timber harvesting applications. Has sent a letter to Cindy Tripp and Clifford Purington regarding junk vehicles. CMP is still working on replacing the buffer zone on Webber Pond and Route 93.

Finance-DJ: We received the annual audit report which was signed by the Selectmen. There are two (2) foreclosures that will be going out to bid. DJ explained the summer road analysis and explained the June 26 cash report that is made out monthly. She will be filling out and mailing the URIP report.

Town Clerk- Alberta The selectmen received the agreement from Harvest Hills Animal Shelter for signatures. Alberta to contact the ACO to come in and sign his portion.

Fire Department: Corin Meehan, Fire Chief report inserted

- 1. No calls since we last met, very "quiet", even by Sweden standards!*
- 2. New truck: we're attempting to get the tire swap work done for free so things are moving slow. This week is the cutoff, fortunately we've got enough money to cover it. Once the tires are swapped, and relettering is complete, it'll be set to go!*
- 3. Engine 1: Due to the time frame of receiving equipment, Engine 1 will be out of service briefly. I'm going to use the opportunity to have a good going over done on the truck. It took an inspection sticker fine, but there are a couple things that should be checked, and also a good opportunity to see if there are any preventative maintenance items that can be taken care of. I'd like to make both trucks last as long as they can!*
- 4. Fundraising: We made \$430 at our spaghetti supper last month. Pietree Orchard gave a \$1000 donation for the luncheon we catered, with no out of pocket costs to the association. They have also offered to assist us with a new sign once we complete our cosmetic rehab. of the station. My father sent a check for \$100 to the association as well. So, just over \$1500 raised so far. Many thanks go to these individuals. As you know, our budget is lower than past years, so these donations will hopefully help offset funding deficits as operational costs continue to rise .*

5. *Records/admin: We are chipping away at fixing the records system. There's a lot of digging to do, but the priority stuff is coming into place and we should be all up where we should be by next month.*

6. *Summer projects: Paul Field Jr. is now unable to help with the dry hydrants due to his work schedule. I'll be looking into alternatives for affordable and/or donated excavation services. I'm committed to improving our water supply infrastructure as soon as possible.*

7. *Misc: I'm hoping to find some alternatives for the space we are currently using for storage at the meeting house. I thought that freeing up the coat rooms and doing some housekeeping will enhance this important historic community building (plus I adore the meeting house!) and enable us to pursue some other fundraiser ideas!*

I think that's it for now, and if all goes well, the next time we meet I'll be living in town!

Thanks!

Corin

Roads – John Clifford: Pot holes will be filled at the end of the week. There are some old culverts that need to be replaced. Jean Bouchard asked about the damage to the Trull Brook Bridge that was made by the plow trucks. He believes it should have been done by a one ton truck instead of the regular trucks but not sure if it was. There is also damage to the guard rail. A bid will be going out for new snow plowing contracts. A sentence to use a one ton on this bridge will be included.

The question came up about reclosing the Trull Brook Rd to winter maintenance from Fowlers property again as no one lives down there year round. The bridge is posted to 20 tons. We need a sign to this effect and add closure to “no construction vehicles, excavators, skidders, etc”. DOT does an inspection of bridges in November.

Old Business: Selectmen are still working on current job descriptions.

New Business: The town received an invitation to the Eastern Slope Airport Authority annual social hour on August 17-6pm. Kristin took a copy. She might be able to attend to represent the town.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. It was 2nd by Lori, voted and passed.

Respectfully,

Alberta Ridlon