

**Town of Sweden  
Selectmen's Meeting  
February 12, 2013**

Attendance: C. Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Kristin Venza, Alberta Ridlon, Eric Gulbrandsen, Warren Noble.

Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05pm and then called the meeting to order.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Lori made a motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2013 meeting. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne, voted and passed.

Reports of officers:

ACO: Jacqueline Frye. The report was given by Alberta as received by phone from Jacqueline. She had contacted 3 parties who had not registered their dogs, some dogs were no longer at the households and they would be in to register as needed. Two parties could not be reached by phone and she would attempt to visit them.

CEO-Eric Gulbrandsen: brought in his report for January:

Planning Board  
Town of Sweden  
147 Bridgton Road  
Sweden, ME 04040

Date: January 31, 2013

**CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

1. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

Pietree LLC, R2,35, 804 Waterford Rd., 2 greenhouses 20'x200' , 2 out buildings \$190

2. R. V. PERMITS ISSUED:

NONE

3. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED:

Justin Mclver, R8, 28-6, 6 Gerry Circle

4. VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED:

NONE

5. TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS:

Robert & Carol Johnson, R5,56-A, Bridgton Road

Davis Kimball, lacking specific information

Jane Lichtman, Camp Tapawingo, Map R4

6. OTHER:

File U.S. Census report C-404

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Fire Chief-Corin Meehan:



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**Department Report- February 12, 2013**

**Calls:** There have been no requests for service during the reporting period.

**Meetings and Trainings:** February meeting and training will be the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively. The 21<sup>st</sup> we will also be hosting a First Aid/CPR refresher training conducted by United Ambulance Service. This class is also open to any other interested town personnel. Bridgton has not yet set a date for the Haz Mat Refresher, so we are waiting to hear from them.

**Expenses:** No invoices are on this warrant

**Annual Testing:** We're still trying to find a source for Scott regulator diaphragms so that the remaining packs can be flow tested. Fortunately, these packs do still meet the current applicable standard, so the question of future use of those units is resolved.

**Comments:** We survived the snowstorm of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with no difficulties. The station lost power briefly, but we did not have to use the generator, and internal snow accumulation was minimal. The new gas meter is in service on Engine 3, and all 1200' of 4" hose has been received from Bridgton Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Corin. Meehan, Fire Chief  
Town of Sweden

Road Commissioner-John Clifford:

Road Commissioners Report  
1/22/13 - 2/12/13

**Work done since last report:**

Bump Signs put up on Hardscrabble Rd. and Black Mtn. Road.

**Work to be done in the next month:**

Put stone dust in frost heaves and pot holes if needed.

Work to be done by Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc.

**Expenses:**

Molloy Energy - \$1,863.00 31 hrs. & 144 yds. sand & salt  
- winter road acct.

Molloy Energy - \$11,932.00 - Plow contract - winter road acct.

**Anticipated Expenses:**

Molloy Energy - Sanding bill  
Sand or salt for winter roads  
Bill from PFU for grade stakes

**Comments or Issues:**

Complaint on 2/8/13 in the middle of the night that there was too much snow in road on Rt. 93 .

Complaint on 2/11/13 at about noon, not being able to get up hill by Sislane's on Rt. 93.

Complaint on 2/11/13 at about 9:00 pm that Knights Hill Rd. from Black Mtn. to Sweden/Lovell town line was snowy & slushy.

Lori ordered some grade stakes from Paris Farmers Union.

Town Clerk-Alberta Ridlon:

A tree is hanging over the road near pole #31 and should be removed before it falls.

Warren noble asked for a copy of the road work planned for 2013, which Lori gave him with the explanation that all of it is not expected to be done. We will be doing about ¼ mile at the end of Hardscrabble near the Waterford road and ¼ mile continued from Ridlonville Rd.

Warren will replace the flag on the Town Office. He received one from the office. Thank You, Warren.

Old Business:

Jason Wentworth replaced all the bulbs at the town office and repaired the locking system on the front door, a job well done.

Communication & Bills:

1/10/13 – Letter from dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry- Animal Welfare Program to Town clerk on status for 2012 dog Reconciliation report, this given to town clerk.

1/25/13 - Letter from budget committee regarding 2013 budget and their recommendations for changes.

Lori made a motion to delete article #26 and change Article #7 to read: Selectmen recommend: appropriate \$49,000 and take from surplus an additional \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing municipal software and allow the balance to carry forward. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed. They opted not to add to the town report the following note as listed in #2 recommendation which is: that in 2010 the town agreed to appropriate \$8,000 from surplus for the purchase of software and that Wayne is planning on speaking about this at town meeting.

Wayne made a motion to change the selectmen's recommendation on Article 25 to read \$750.00 instead of \$1000.00. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.

01/30/13 - Received a letter from Hasting's law office regarding a foreclosure. This was tabled until next meeting when Kristin would be in attendance. She had to leave early tonight.

02/01/13 – Received a letter from DOT Maine Local Road Center regarding Radar Speed Trailer Loan Program, filed.

02/01/13 – Letter from MTCMA (Maine Town & County Management Association) regarding MTCMA Award Nominations, filed

02/04/13 - Received a letter from Hasting Law Office regarding the rewording of Article 40: "Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer of ownership of the Center Schoolhouse as follows: The Town would purchase the building and a surveyed skirt of land around it, and the blacksmith shop, from the Sweden Community Church for the price of \$1. The Town would then sell the land and building to the Sweden Historical Society for the price of \$1, with the following conditions: (1) A "reverter clause," should the Historical Society not remain active for a period of 12 months; (2) Protection of the rights of the Church and the Town to continue to use the leaching field, roadways, wells and the like; and (3) Development of the Schoolhouse as a museum, library, and/or meeting site." Selectmen recommend; Budget Committee recommends." Wayne made a motion to accept as written by Peter Malia Article 40. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori and passed.

The town received a statement from Arthurs Memorial for the new memorial post near Louis Clark's property. Lori made a motion not to pay this bill because it was not authorized by the selectmen. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne and passed. Wayne is to contact them with an explanation and turn the bill over to the Historical society.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori, voted and passed.

Respectfully

Alberta Ridlon