

Town of Sweden
Selectmen's Meeting
February 25, 2014

Attendance: Lori Bennett, C. Wayne Miller, Kristin Venza, DJ Curtis, John Clifford, Jessie Stevens Kay Lyman, Janet Mahannah and Jim Willey.

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to accept the minutes of February 11, 2014. Kristin Venza 2nd the motion; it was passed 3-0.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

Lori reported that she had emailed Jacqueline Frye asking for a monthly report each month.

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

No report.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis:

DJ Curtis reviewed the progress of the Annual Report with the Selectmen.

DJ discussed with the Selectmen the current Winter Road expenditures. Due to the extreme weather this season, the Selectmen voted to increase this article for the Annual Town Warrant. Lori made a motion to change Article #9 Winter Roads, to take from surplus up to \$50,000 in addition to the appropriation amount of \$125,000. Motion was 2nd by Wayne Miller and passed 3-0.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Lori mentioned that the hot water was not working at Town Office as reported by note from Alberta. Wayne said that the hot water tank may need to be checked.

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

Wayne asked Jim Willey about the Fire Chief. Several old bills are on his desk waiting to be processed as well as checks needing to be distributed to fire department staff. No monthly reports are being received. Jim said he would look into it.

Road Commissioner – John Clifford:

John Clifford and Lori discussed culvert issues and pot holes.

Lori mentioned she has a list of 2014 Road projects.

Wayne discussed how we need to get a more detailed invoice for sanding.

Old Business:

The Selectmen discussed issues with Molloy and road issues; the number of radios and lack of sanding town parking areas some of the issues. The number of trucks being used was also discussed. Also the fire pond was not sanded when it was requested to be done.

The snow plows are not going out until several inches of snow is on the ground, the contract specifies that the roads are to be plowed when the snow is 1 ½" deep.

Issues remain regarding loading sand at the salt shed. Sand and salt have been spilt on the ground.

New business:

Jessie Stevens discussed with the Selectmen the possibility of starting a Sweden Community Garden. Jessie has been involved in the Sweden Food Pantry. It can provide a social opportunity as well as food. He expects to start small, keeping it accessible and close to the town center. He is asking about the lawn space around the Town Office. Possible insurance liability of this is done on town property.

Lori mentioned the town's mail box is broken. The selectmen discussed ways to repair it. Wayne made a motion to have Jason Wentworth repair the mailbox. The motion was 2nd by Lori and approved 3-0.

Wayne mentioned that Jason had shoveled the equipment shed out.

Communications:**Mail:**

Email received from Lauren Dembski, re: social services meeting, requesting donation from the town. Lori asked DJ to respond to email.

Received a letter dated February 20, 2014 from Peter Malia from Hastings Malia P.A. accepting service regarding Santomena, et al. v. Town of Sweden.

Received a letter dated February 5, 2014 from Nathaniel R. Huckel-Bauer from Drummond & Drummond regarding appeal of the Ashe conditional use permit.

Received a letter dated January 23 2014 from Pamela Smart of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network requesting consideration of the Town of Sweden appropriating \$100.00 to them. Financials attached.

Received a letter dated February 12, 2014 from Peter Malia from Hastings Malia P.A. regarding a property owner in the Town of Sweden.

Received a flyer from Drummond Woodsum regarding a workshop on Dealing with Employee Absences on Thursday March 20, 2014 in Freeport.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully,
Diana J. Curtis
Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen