

Selectmen's Meeting  
February 24, 2015

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, C. Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Corin Meehan, John Weeks and DJ Curtis.

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

Lori made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Miller approved 2-0.

**Visitors:**

John Weeks, citizen, discussed paying his taxes, he is paying the oldest tonight and will have the remainder paid by the end of April, with the Selectmen. Lori asked if he was interested in a payment plan. Mr. Weeks said it was not necessary, all tax bills will be paid by the end of April. Lori and Wayne said that arrangement was fine with them.

**Report of officers and committees:**

**Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:**

No report

**CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

1. **BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:**

NONE

2. **R. V. PERMITS ISSUED:**

NONE

3. **CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED:**

NONE

4. **VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED:**

NONE

5. **TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS:**

Timothy Althouse, R9,16 & 16-4, Knights Hill Rd.

Thomas J. Hexner, R5, 16, Black Mt. Rd.

6. **OTHER:**

NONE

**Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:**

Alberta left a town hall rental form for the Sweden Emergency fundraiser in April. The Selectmen approved and Lori signed.

The Selectmen discussed payment for the Cemetery Sexton.

Alberta asked the Selectmen to read and approve the minutes from the Special Town Meeting.

**SVFD - Corin Meehan:**

**SWEDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly Report

**Calls:** There were 4 requests for service during the reporting period, 2 mutual aid calls, a utility hazard, and a chimney fire.

**Meetings/Trainings:** In January, members trained on residential fire attack tactics. This month, we conducted an all-day vehicle extrication training with the Saco Valley and Fryeburg fire departments, and Fryeburg Rescue.

3 members attended a weekend long officer training and command school. This class dealt with modern fire behavior, tactical decision-making, size-up, incident command, and resource management.

**Expenses:** Total: \$2,306.20- Workers Comp: \$1,469.00, Call & training stipends: \$395.00, PPE/Equipment: \$164.78, Furnace service: \$137.15, Phone service: \$94.21, Electric \$46.06

**Comments:** We are continuing to experience problems with all members consistently receiving all calls via pager. This is partially a side effect of modern radio technology and narrow-banding, but also due to a lack of customer service on the part of Oxford County RCC. The issue has been brought to their attention numerous times since 2012, and we are not the only department in the area to occasionally experience this. Unfortunately, there is a lack of accountability within the system. Many departments have had issues with the RCC's dispatching quality but complaints usually receive nothing more than lip service.

On February 21st, the fire association held a benefit dinner for Firefighter Buddy Rand and his wife Vicky. Vicky is fighting an aggressive cancer and the illness and its associated costs/loss of work have put a severe strain on both of them. We were able to raise about \$1000.00 for both of them, and would like to thank all of those who came out on a winter evening to attend the dinner.

Lori and Corin discussed the upcoming bike event.

**Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:**

Lori said Hardscrabble Road needs bump signs. No issues reported on road conditions, she also stated. Wayne called DOT about getting a grader out here, he is waiting for a response.

**Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)**

DJ Curtis reviewed with the Selectmen the 2014 Profit & Loss, especially accounts with over expenditures

She distributed to the Selectmen the revised Annual Town Warrant. The Selectmen voted on the date of the meeting as well as Articles 7, 10, 11, 12, 42, 43, 44 and 45.

The Annual Report for 2014 was reviewed.

Lori made a motion to use the Contingency Fund for the Town Property and Conservation Account 2014 over expenditures. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne and approved 3-0.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Communications:**

**Mail Received:**

General Assistance compliance letter

Next meeting will be March 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Bruce Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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