

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting
March 8, 2016

Attendance: Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Eli Hutchens, Eric Gulbrandsen, Kim Ashley and DJ Curtis.

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

Lori made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes with for February 23, 2016. Motion was 2nd by Wayne, approved 3 -0.

Lori made a motion to correct the Jan 26, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was 2nd by Wayne Miller and approved 3-0.

Visitors:

Eli Hutchens, resident, updated the Selectmen with his progress with getting high speed internet in Sweden. He told them about a grant being written for the town. Eli said the grant writer would like a verbal confirmation that the Town would sign a Time Warner franchise agreement if the grant was approved. Wayne said he was for it, but had a few questions, previously the town did not have enough residents, how has that changed, and if the town did agree to the franchise, what would the liability be to the town. Eli said there is no monetary liability from the town.

Bruce asked that there was any obligation from any citizen, Lori and Eli said no, the citizens would have the choice. This is a grant for high speed internet, Eli said. The State and Time Warner would split the cost. The town needs to agree to a franchise from Time Warner Cable if the grant is to proceed.

Eric Gulbrandsen asked Eli when they would know where the lines would be run. Eli said he didn't know yet, the grant needs to be completed first.

Lori said she didn't have any problems with the proposal.

Lori made a motion that the Town make a verbal agreement with Connect Maine and Time Warner Cable for a franchise, dependent on grant approval. The motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

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: _____

Bridgton Academy, Map U08, Lot 27, Erosion Control Plan not submitted. Issued Stop Work Order.

Greta Averbach & James Popkin, 106 Wint Rd. Map U5, Lot 11. Structure within the roadway setback. Stop Work Order issued.

5. TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS:

NONE

6. OTHER:

Filed Annual & Town Reports

Received a Conditional Use Application for a Dock. Bigley/Black 80 Keyes Pond Rd, U4, 9

Lori mentioned that Peter Malia, the town's attorney was served today, regarding the dock issue. Eric said he was served today also.

Lori asked if Eric had had a chance to take a look at Bridgton Academy's work. Eric said he has not had a chance yet, and it is still pretty icy there.

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

Selectmen discussed the smoking policy for the Town.

Alberta left a note regarding Elected Officials training in Bridgton.

The Selectmen approved and signed the following appointments;

Election clerk, Linda Bradley, Yvonne Brice and Marcia Storkerson.

Treasurer-Kim Ashley

Reece Gilmore phoned the Selectmen to discuss his current payment status. Lori asked Mr. Gilmore where we were at, since the contract was returned to the town. Mr. Gilmore said the woman who was helping him, quit her job and he hasn't had any help since, so that was why he was reaching out to the town. Lori asked him where he was living now. He gave her his address. Lori asked if he was still proposing to make the payments needed to pay taxes to buy his house back. Mr. Gilmore said yes and asked if he could come over to sign the contract and make a payment. Bruce asked Mr. Gilmore for his telephone number and he gave it. Lori said we would have to mail the contract since it will need to be notarized with his signature.

Kim reminded the Selectmen that the audit was being done on the 15th of this month.

SVFD – Tim Cook

No report.

Kim said she spoke with Betty Jean Espagetti and she would look into the Bergeron Clothing bill to see who needs to pay it.

Bruce informed the other Selectmen of what he learned at the Fire Department meeting that he had attended.

Bruce said that MMA would be visiting the Fire Department to look at insurable inventory. Tim Cook told Bruce that the inventory would be updated and the required documentation done.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Lori reported that bump signs have been put out and that we need more signs. Heavy equipment roads have been posted as of February 29, 2016.

Lori said she will be ordering more signs.

Lori also mentioned that she hopes to get some branches trimmed soon.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ)

Bruce made a motion to correct categorization of expense made to Maine Line Fence of \$3690.00 from Town Property Maintenance to Summer Roads (Road side maintenance). The motion was 2nd by Wayne, and approved 3-0

Wayne made a motion to correct categorization of expense made to Chapman's Lawn of \$600.00 from Town Property Maintenance to Town Charges. The motion was 2nd by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Bruce made a motion to correct categorization of expense made to AJ's Blacktop from Town Property Maintenance to Town Charges. The motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Old Business

McIver Electrical came out to fix the light fixture, Wayne reported. It was recommended to go to LED lights as the incandescent bulbs are too hot and burning out. It will save in electricity and service, Wayne said.

Lori made a motion to use LED light bulbs in the Town Office and have Jason Wentworth install them. The motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Lori made a motion to go into executive session as per 1M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0 at 7:35 pm.

Lori made a motion to resume the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Wayne and approved 3-0.

Wayne asked if we were going to use Blaine Chapman for Cemetery mowing again. Lori said yes and Wayne said he would contact him.

Wayne reported that he received a letter from DHHS that the Town of Sweden is in general assistance compliance for 2016.

Communications/Mail:

Letter received from Peter Malia regarding his acceptance of his doing work regarding the Marx vs Sweden Board of Appeals and Ash case.

Letter received from Key Bank, thanking the town for being a client.

Next meeting will be March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Wayne 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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