

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting  
June 14, 2016

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Janet Mahannah, Ron Kiesman, Warren Noble, Kim Ashley, and DJ Curtis.

Lori called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:09 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Lori made a motion to table the approval of the Selectmen's meeting minutes May 24, 2016 until the next meeting. The Selectmen will forward corrections to DJ. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce, approved 3 -0.

**Visitors:**

Janet Mahannah, Town Cemetery Sexton, reported to the Selectmen, that a 100-foot pine is dying, with many dead branches, and is located on Bill Centamore's property. The tree overhangs the cemetery and Janet is concerned that if it falls, it will destroy the cemetery. There are also two other trees on the town's property that are also dying. Janet gave the Selectmen a quote to limb the tree on Bill Centamore's property as well as the two on the town property. The estimate is about \$3000.00 – \$4200.00. The Selectmen will need to get Bill Centamore's permission to limb the tree on his property and to allow trucks on his property.

Janet discussed the Ridlon Cemetery CD with the Selectmen. There should be a balance of about \$5700 in it and should be cashed and put toward this project.

Ron Kiesman discussed some concerns with the Selectmen. He wondered about getting gravel on the road to the public access. The town landing road off of Wint Road, he said. Ron also asked the Selectmen about trimming the brush and tree limbs back from the roads. Lori said they were planning to do road side mowing and will do as many limbs as they can. Certainly on some roads, Lori said, we will have them done. Lori said they had in the past gotten quotes to limb the roadsides and the quote was \$33,000 so they were trying to do what they can without spending that kind of money. She said they expect to spend about \$5000 each year for this project.

Ron asked Lori about paving and she told him that F.R. Carroll won the bid.

Ron also mentioned that we might want to change the building permits to show setbacks. Lori said the form did show setbacks.

Ron also suggested that anything told the residents in giving information regarding permits should be put in writing.

Warren Noble spoke to the Selectmen regarding his list of issues at the Town Hall. The floor in the kitchen in front of the cooler is rotten to the point of someone may fall in. The sink at the back of hall is constantly leaking. Is the three sink faucet going to be replaced with a three sink body and a spray valve on it? The most serious issue is the floor, Warren said. Warren offered to place a piece of plywood to put over the area.

Wayne asked Warren about the switch plates. Warren said he has been finding them on the floor and putting them back, but the tabs are broke on a few.

Lori asked Wayne if he would be willing to meet with Nate about these issues. Wayne said yes, he would. Wayne said he also knows a contractor who might help.

**Report of officers and committees:**

**Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:**  
None

**CEO-:**

Lori reported on several building items to the Selectmen regarding Code Enforcement Activity.

Lori said a building permit was issued to Dick O'Connor for a garage.

Lori said in the Town of Stow, the Selectmen needed to sign occupancy permits. Lori asked if Wayne or Bruce would be willing to call Eric about occupancy permits. Katie Haley, the Fryeburg CEO is helping Lori with some of the questions. Lori is trying to find out who needs to sign, if it needs to be all the Selectmen or just one. Bruce said he would call Eric and ask him about occupancy permits. Lori said it takes about 2-3 days of studying to pass certifications for Code Enforcement Officer. Lori said we will need to advertise for a replacement CEO.

Katie Haley could stand in as a backup CEO until we find one, Lori said.

Wayne said that there is a motor home at Tim Kelly's, and now there is a backhoe there apparently digging a septic. The Selectmen will have to address this issue, Wayne said.

**Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:**

Alberta left a note regarding Cheryl Ackerman wanting to rent the Town Hall for August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. They want to do a sleep over with six kids and mother and father. The Selectmen mentioned that they should be aware of no a/c, do not use the stove, small refrigerator and small coffee pot are available, otherwise they did not find any issues with the sleepover.

Alberta left a note about posting town meetings.

**Treasurer-Kim Ashley**

Kim asked the Selectmen about getting an air conditioner for the town office.

**SVFD – Tim Cook**

No report

**Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:****ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

5/25/16-6/14/16

**Work done since last report:****Work to be done in the next month:**

Ditching on Webber Pond Rd and Wint Rd. Paving to start soon on Hardscrabble Rd. and Black Mtn. Rd.

**Expenses:**

Richard Douglass, Inc. - \$4,732.80

**Anticipated expenses:**

Steve Bennett Trucking, Inc.

Alberta asked the Selectmen if Hardscrabble Road was going to be hard topped. There is a big dip, she said. Lori said they will shim the dip. Alberta said the hill needs to be sheared off and base added.

Where the new house is, by the culvert, the area is broken on the right side before Wint Road.

Wayne said that section is swampy. Alberta asked if the ditching has been done there, Lori said yes. Alberta told Lori she should ride down the road and take a look at it. Lori said she would.

Wayne asked Lori about Webber Pond Road, there are no marks where is it broken off. Lori said the marks there are for ditching, not paving.

Lori said she has spoken to MMA about the stone walls. MMA said if it wasn't an actual boundary line, then the town may remove the wall to ditch and maintain. Lori said it was not a boundary line and stones were just place there as the road was built. Davis Kimball does not care, Lori said.

Lori asked the other Selectmen what they wanted to do about Hardscrabble Road. Wayne said we need to do whatever needs to be done so that we don't have to redo it again in a few years.

The Black Mountain Road sign is missing, Lori said. She will order another and also put up one that she already has.

Wayne said that Linda Bradley brought up a concern about where the snow plow went off the road on Plummer School Road.

Wayne asked about mowing around the town office. Lori said maybe in the fall when they bush hog.

Wayne asked if the SMPDC form has been completed. Lori said she would do that tomorrow.

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

DJ distributed to the Selectmen the 2015 Profit & Loss as a comparison to the 2016 report.

DJ also distributed the 2016 Profit & Loss report.

DJ asked about the porta potty at Keyes Pond. The Selectmen asked DJ to call D & D Necessary rooms to have them bring one.

#### **Old Business**

Lori discussed the McQueen updates with the Selectmen. There must be a phosphorus control plan in place and they need to do it, Lori said. Wayne said there is a line where the Towns responsibility is and the homeowner's responsibility is. Wayne said we should be giving them a deadline. Bruce said we can't go further than our statutory ability. Lori said Bridgton Academy is dragging their feet. Wayne asked how about giving them 10 days, Lori agreed.

Wayne made a motion to have the town's attorney send a letter to Bridgton Academy giving them 10 working days to have a phosphorus control plan in place. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and approved 3-0.

Wayne said when the Selectmen and the McQueen's approve the plan than the Selectmen will sign the consent form.

Alberta asked the Selectmen about replacing her desk.

#### **New Business**

Wayne asked about putting an outside faucet on the Town Office.

Wayne also mentioned that in light of court cases it would be a good idea for the Board of Appeals to take the MMA training courses to bring them up to speed. Lori agreed that it would be a good idea if they are willing to do it.

Bruce said he would check with Judy Doore regarding Warren Noble's volunteer insurance for him to put up and remove flags.

Bruce made a motion to provide volunteer insurance for Warren Noble for between July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor day for flag placing, removal and other town building repairs. This is predicated upon not having insurance coverage through the Sweden Volunteer Fire Dept. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and approved 3-0.

**Communications/Mail Received:**

State of Maine MSAD 72 Warrant for assessment of tax.

Next meeting will be June 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Bruce 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

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