

Town of Sweden Selectmen's Meeting  
July 12, 2016

**Attendance:** Lori Bennett, Wayne Miller, Bruce Taylor, Kim Ashley, and DJ Curtis.

Lori Bennett called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:10 pm and then called the meeting to order.

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

Lori made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes June 28, 2016 with corrections. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce and approved 3-0.

**Visitors:**

**Report of officers and committees:**

**Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:**

None

**CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:**

Lori asked if any applications have been received for the CEO position. Wayne said no.

Lori said she spoke with the Brownfield CEO, Steve Sanborn about the position. He said he might be able to work for Sweden for one day a week but will want a stipend of \$3500.00 plus mileage. Lori said she will talk to him again, but will also continue to look.

Lori said she has tried calling Jim Carty, a Sweden resident on Black Mountain Road, who has the qualifications for CEO.

Lori said she received an email from Katie Haley. She is having reservations about taking on the interim CEO position with Sweden because of the differences in the way towns do certificates and permits. She does not feel she has the time to learn Sweden ordinances and procedures.

Lori said there is a building permit for the Bradley's that needs to be done. She said there are several other building permits needing to be done.

Wayne Miller mentioned that we are considering September for a Special Town Meeting and we could increase the CEO rate at that time if approved by citizens.

Lori read information from an application from Lawrence Lyle for the CEO position. Bruce suggested having another meeting next week to interview Mr. Lyle for CEO position.

Lori also said that she will meet with Steve Sanborn on Friday and will contact Lawrence Lyle for more information.

Lori shared with the Selectmen a letter she has written to the Bridgton Academy regarding the Stearns Pond issue. The Selectmen approved and signed the letter.

**Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:**

Alberta left a hall rental for the annual Keyes Pond group meeting form for the Selectmen to sign.

The Selectmen discussed cashing in the Ridlon Cemetery CD. Alberta said they could only use the interest portion of the CD and not the base CD. DJ said that we need to have a Special Town Meeting to ask the citizens to use the CD money. Bruce said he spoke with Janet Mahannah and Janet said the tree was in a very precarious position and may cause damage or injury if it fell. The Selectmen discussed how to arrange the work to be done and how to pay for it if the cashing in of the CD was not approved by the town.

**Treasurer-Kim Ashley**

The Selectmen signed the 2016 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation form setting the tax rate at .01160.

**SVFD – Tim Cook**

No report.

**Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:**

Lori reported the ditching is being done on Webber Pond. Wayne said that in some of the places, the ditches are too shallow and will be overrun with water. They need to be deeper, he said. Lori said they would look at it.

Lori said that F.R. Carroll has done the shimming on Hardscrabble Road and Black Mountain Road.

Kim informed the Selectmen of a new pot hole by the Trading Post. Lori said they would look at it.

Wayne said that on Webber Pond Road, he would like to see a sign for “no through truck” to prevent the trucks being routed there. He said he will call DOT to see how to go about getting this done. Lori said she agreed.

Lori said that intersections will be swept next week.

Lori said she is waiting for Steve Swazey to call back for road side mowing.

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

DJ distributed to the Selectmen the current Profit & Loss statement with budget.

DJ discussed the annual LRAP form and gave the form to the Selectmen to sign. Lori and Wayne signed the form.

**Old Business**

Fryeburg invoice for Smarts Hill has been sent by DJ

Wayne said that Nate has not called him back. Lori said she has been in contact with him and that we need the floor in the Town Hall kitchen to be replaced or repaired.

Bruce said that Volunteer Insurance has been sent in and accepted by MMA. The policy runs from 7/1/16 through 6/30/17.

Wayne made a motion to change the cost of Volunteer Insurance from \$54.00 to \$58.50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce and approved 3-0.

Bruce said we have had over 350 hits on the town’s online map information.

Mid Maine Waste Action will reimburse Sweden for a small amount because of money left over from usage, Bruce reported.

## **New Business**

### **Communications/Mail Received:**

Maine Property Tax course list

Jane Gibbons, letter regarding road conditions. She reported on Perry Hill Road, her car went off where the pavement is gone and needs to be repaved.

MMA, letter to nominate for annual elections.

MMA, TIF survey, given to DJ to review

Next meeting will be July 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lori made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Bruce 2nd the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Respectfully

Diana J. Curtis

Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen