

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Present were Alberta Ridlon, JP Smith, C. Wayne Miller, John Clifford, Wyatt Ridlon, Warren Noble, DJ Curtis, Jane Gibbons, Robert Drew, Peter Malia, Donald and Arnold Flint, Dana Nason, Diantha Warner.

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The warrant was signed.

Roads: Extensive reports were made by Mr. Clifford and Mr. Ridlon concerning the need for cleaning and replacing culverts. Trull Brook Road needs a sediment pool, and 2 culverts. Stephen Bennett will be asked to do this work. Wint Road needs at least 2 new culverts. Tapawingo and Black Mountain road need culverts replaced. Old galvanized culverts will be hauled away. Stearns Pond Boat landing road needs gravel. Mr. Ridlon stated that work on grading done by Mr. Drew's employee was below standard. Mr. Ridlon will train Drew's crew in proper grading. Wyatt Ridlon may be hired by Drew to do this instruction. The Selectmen approved of this arrangement.

We can require a performance bond on any work that goes out to bid. In Lovell, any job that is over \$5000 goes out for bid. Contract with the town must include a Certificate of insurance and the statement that the town is listed as additionally insured.

The letter concerning damages by snow plow to a utility pole on Ridlonville Road was handed to Mr. Drew.

DJ Curtis had information about the signs requested including prices.

Four out of five members of the heirs of Russell and Frances Flint were present to discuss the payment of back taxes with the Selectmen and Lawyer Peter Malia. The fifth member is Carl Flint who lives in Colorado. Mrs. Warner stated that she was working on arrangements to become executor of her mother's estate. They agreed to pay \$1500 tonight to be followed by regular payments of \$781 per month which was to include back taxes, interest to date and legal fees incurred. Interest from this date will be waived. The total amount due is \$6182.57. Arnold Flint will be recipient of the tax bills. His address is P.O. Box 2572, North Conway, NH.

Fire Department: Mr. Noble stated that fees for Fire Extinguisher testing are over the budgeted item and another Extinguisher needs to be tested.

The Maine Forest Service Grant is for \$1339.50. The bill for the 6 Vertex radios, 5 jackets and 5 pants comes to \$2829.50. \$1,500 will come from the Fire Department budget.

The Ford Truck which came from Woodstock was discussed. Mr. Noble wanted to get insurance and register it. The Selectmen reiterated that the Town had not accepted the truck and the Association owned it. John P. Smith moved that the total cost for the truck was the responsibility of the Association, not the Town. (3-0).

Finances: DJ Curtis submitted Quit Claim Deeds for the Selectmen to sign for Robert and Terri Johnson, for Norris and Roberta Bennett and for William Altenburg.

She has the new manual for Liens.

She had received a phone call from Mr. Centamore about his 2009 taxes. There is a discrepancy between the acreage and plots designated by the Assessors and the physical property. Mr. Centamore is working on getting this corrected.

Other:

- (1) J.P. Smith will contact the chair of the Conservation Commission concerning Town Office flowers tomorrow.
- (2) John Nevell's inspection report on the Brick School House has not been received, but the visit reveals structural damage on load bearing walls. The building has been closed to public access. Mr. Nevell will suggest names of people who work on such old buildings.
- (3) Mr. Mike Duvall is interested in doing "Handyman" jobs for the town. He must have a certificate of insurance which lists the town as additionally insured.
- (4) Mr. Warren Noble will assist with General Assistance until Alberta Ridlon has an opportunity to attend the class.
- (5) Mrs. Ridlon gave keys to the GA files, etc. to John Smith.
- (6) Mr. Miller said that the Emergency Action plan had been revised and would be posted.
- (7) The Selectmen approved the use of the Town Meeting Hall by the Sowing Seeds for Life for a dance on April to raise funds for their work. They are to clean the building after use.
- (8) Mr. Miller moved to change the selectmen's meetings to twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings. (3-0) Jane to post. DJ to put in Bridgton News.
- (9) The minutes of the April 6th meeting were corrected as follows:
In the paragraph on Foreclosures: "including interest" not insurance.
Mr. Smith, not Mr. Miller, measured the back door of the Town Meeting House.
Mr. Clifford was present.
In the Fire Department report – John Davis, not John Waterbury, said that he would retest equipment.
- (10) The Selectmen did not want the Food Pantry to post a sign concerning taxes. The statement in the notices sent out by the tax collector would make clear that people were to talk to the Selectmen concerning back taxes to avoid foreclosure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk