

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

January 12, 2010

Present: John Clifford, Rob Drew, JP Smith, Wm. Jones, Jane Gibbons, Alberta Ridlon, DJ Curtis

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered at 6:10 p.m.

The Warrant was signed.

Roads: Rob Drew asked about the results of a bid on the Hardscrabble Road paving project. Mr. Clifford said that he would show Mr. Drew the bids. Mr. Smith said that the town was attempting to format the specifications so that all who placed bids would be bidding on the same thing. Mr. Smith spoke about inviting a state "Road Ranger" (Phil Curtis) to come in April to inspect Sweden Roads and help us formulate specifications on work to be done. Mr. Clifford stressed the importance of ditching. Mr. Smith discussed the merits of salt versus salt and sand application. When one considered the cost of picking up the sand, it might be cheaper to use just salt. Mr. Smith also pointed out that unless the town has an ordinance to post roads, we'd have no way to enforce the posting of roads. It was pointed out that the state posts Route 93, Knights Hill Road and the Waterford Road.

Mr. Smith moved that the Budget Committee be asked to come back for discussion of their proposals with the Select board. Voted 3-0.

Fire Department: Mr. Smith had spoken to the Bridgton Convenience Store about purchasing gas for the fire trucks. An account will be set up so that only vehicles registered as Sweden Fire trucks could use the account. A letter will be written to Dead River to close the town gas account and limit the purchase to diesel only. An account will be opened with Bridgton Convenience Store for gas.

DJ Curtis is to ask Chandell about getting the gas tax eliminated and to see if the town can get a rebate on State and Federal gas tax. DJ was also asked to call the company from whom we purchase road salt to inquire about delivery charges.

Other: DJ Curtis said that she has 6 foreclosure letters to go out. Feb. 18 is the deadline for paying 2007 taxes before foreclosure automatically happens. Title would be recorded 30 days later.

Building Inspector Joseph Neville will be inspecting the School House for structural safety.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05