

**Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were C. Wayne Miller (recently elected to the Board), John P. Smith, Alberta Ridlon, John Clifford, Rob Drew, Warren Noble, DJ Curtis, and Jane Gibbons. John P. Smith nominated Alberta Ridlon to be Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Vote passed.

The Warrant was signed.

Roads: Mr. Clifford stated that they were trying to keep the water running off the roads in this wet season. John P. Smith requested that Mr. Clifford meet with the Selectmen and the Road Ranger, Phil Curtis.

Fire Department: Material on the Fire Department budget was handed out by Mr. Smith showing the revised funding which was a reduction of 16.51% from what the Fire Department had requested. He asked how the Chief was going to track allocations with the diminished budget. DJ Curtis reminded the Board and Chief that certain administrative items such as insurance, workman's comp, electricity could not be cut back. Mr. Noble stated that he would respond at the next meeting, April 6. Mr. Noble had applied for a grant for radios. It is hoped that large purchases be made after taxes are due in September.

Mr. Miller defined liability of the Fire Chief. Mr. Miller indicated that until the Fire Chief was called by dispatch, the Chief was not officially on duty. If he found an accident he was to notify dispatch, a tone would be struck, and he was to call at least one other person to help. Insurance coverage only occurred on dispatched calls and mileage should only be counted on dispatched calls. The Fire Chief was sworn in.

General Assistance: Mr. Noble gave out forms which were to be sent into the State concerning General Assistance. Mrs. Ridlon will be the person someone is to call for General Assistance. He gave her the key to the files. She will discuss cases with the other Board members. Ms Gibbons changed the sign on the door.

Finances: DJ Curtis asked about the computer program and hoped that the company would provide more information. She stated that she thought the new computer ought to be purchased before the software is purchased. She handed out a summary of the approved articles from the Town Meeting.

Mrs. Ridlon mentioned that several people could not hear what was going on at the Town Meeting. Wayne Miller will follow up on the purchase of a wireless microphone system for the Town Meeting Hall. One estimate on sale was for \$89.99 plus shipping.

The minutes of the March 9 Selectboard meeting were approved. (2-0)  
The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved with minor changes. (2-0)

The contract for Cemetery lawn mowing for \$1575 for 3 mowings with Chapman Lawn and Yard was approved.

A family upon whom a property received foreclosure notices has been asked to come to the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. In another matter, the lien was released on the Johnson property.

Communication between the Tax Collector and the Board needs to be two way. The Board had met with legal counsel and the Tax Collector needs to know what they are learning. She has received emails about taxes on the foreclosed properties and the Board needs to have copies of this correspondence.

Mrs. Ridlon will follow up on the CDs at the Norway Bank for Cemeteries.

DJ Curtis will pursue information on State Refunds.

JP Smith asked about flower boxes in front of the Town Office. It was suggested that the Conservation Commission be asked.

Mrs. Ridlon is to have surgery April 27 and cannot leave the house for several weeks. She will have a phone hook-up for Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Miller will be out of town May 18 through 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Ridlon will have the Brick School House inspected for structural soundness. She thought that the building ought to be condemned or grants to fix it up ought to be applied for.

JP Smith took the packet of materials from the state about making the voting place accessible.

Ms. Gibbons found out after the meeting that she had made a mistake about the term of SAD #72 School Board Member, Kristin Almeida. Her term lasts until 2012. Ms. Gibbons will discuss the situation with Ann Diskin who was elected at Town Meeting in error.

Ms. Gibbons also pointed out that there is still a vacancy on the Conservation Commission, and alternates are needed 1 each for Planning and Appeals Boards.

Mr. Miller said that a new deputy Emergency Management person needed to be appointed by him as Emergency Management Officer. Mr. Miller said that we were not required to have a Public Safety Officer. It had only been a suggestion.

Wayne Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned. Vote passed.  
Meeting concluded at 8:02 p.m.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk