

Town of Sumner
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2017

Members: Selectpersons Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw and Mary Ann Haxton
Town Clerk Susan Runes, Secretary Nikki Starbird

Residents Present: Cynthia Norton and School Board member and representative Charlie Maddaus

Warrant #9 - Checks# 12362-12394 in the amount of \$110,232.60 were reviewed and approved
Receipts# 115-177 in the amount of \$472,326.88 were reviewed and approved

Open Session:

Cynthia Norton- As the treasurer of the BCU Church Fund(Ministerial Fund) submitted a letter to the Board to formulate a letter stating that the Town has no claim or interest in the fund so that it can be dissolved and the funds distributed to the local churches. After some discussion, the board agreed that the town had never been involved in the fund and had no claim to it. The secretary was asked to write a letter to that effect and forward it to Cyndy.

School Board Report:

Charlie Maddaus- October 13th the school district hosted the Maine Supreme Court and it was well attended and very informational for the kids, though Buckfield Jr/Sr high school did not attend the event. On the October 23rd school board meeting there was discussion on the Regional Service Centers. Originally the board voted not to participate in the program, but it was decided at this meeting to submit a "concept application" so the state could evaluate and provide details on what would be involved. If the board likes the plan we can pursue it but if it doesn't make sense for the Town financially or service wise then we can choose not to go forward with it. The Board was not unanimous in the decision.

Enrollment is down by 16- 1,793 last year as opposed to 1,777 this year. Buckfield enrollment went from 225 last year to 239 this year and Hartford/Sumner went from 316 last year to 304 this year.

Mr. Maddaus has been trying to look at alternative funding for our education and has been told by others within the system that we are basically stuck within the RSU because there are no real other options. Mr. Maddaus has requested financials to compare the changing cost of education over the past few years. Selectperson Edwin Hinshaw says that he created a chart for that reason and he will update it and provide it to Mr. Maddaus. Resident Cynthia Norton asked if there has been discussion on withdrawing from our current RSU and joining with SAD 17. Mr. Maddaus mentioned that it was voted down back awhile ago, but it is possible to revisit the option. Bottom line will be "will it save us money?" and it will take a few years to go through the withdrawal process.

CEO/LPI: Out until 11-18-17

Roads: Not in attendance

Per Selectperson Kelly Stewart, The Road Commissioner will be going out to look at the reported rock on Upper Sumner Hill Rd to evaluate what needs to be done.

Forms-Reports- Correspondence:

October Financial statements were reviewed. One Quarter of our excise tax has been from Hartford this month. It was stated that the Road Account really needs to be watched since there is only \$20,000 to get the town to June 30th. The Selectboard asked if they could get historical information on the account to compare to previous years. Selectperson Kelly Stewart states that it would be nice to see an itemized breakdown of where the money is going and to which roads that money is being spent on. Town Clerk Susan Runes agreed, states that the past Road

Commissioners all gave that itemized breakdown and it made things a lot easier for a number of reasons. The Board reiterated that they need to see this breakdown.

Letters from DOT were reviewed by the board and the board decided that no action was needed since the DOT was just informing them of future work.

Connie Cushing Sefcik- Selectperson Edwin Hinshaw started by saying that the board should 'protect the integrity of our staff' (ie Nikki Starbird, due to the familial relationship) and consult with Susan Runes instead of Nikki regarding this matter. Both Susan and Nikki agreed and stated this change had already occurred and Susan was handling correspondence to and from Connie. Selectperson Kelly Stewart referred to her communication with Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, she stated that he knew he had left a couple paint cans behind but after Kelly asked him not to return to the property until the Board could review the emails, he didn't return to pick them up. Kelly states that Connie had asked if it was alright for her and her husband James to trim the trees in question, and Kelly responded to that email saying that she was fine with the Sefcik's trimming. Connie has provided pictures showing before and after trimming for the board to look at. Kelly and Ed will possibly go take a look to evaluate, they would also like to get Alfred Lucas (who does the snow plowing) to go take a look and make sure that he doesn't see any obstructions. Selectperson Edwin Hinshaw mentioned that the Town hasn't trimmed in 15+ years and now is in a position where it has to correct this problem.

New Business:

Old Business:

Board has decided to defer placing the Welcome to Sumner sign until spring

Marijuana- Selectperson Kelly Stewart would like to know where we are at regarding this topic. Selectperson Edwin Hinshaw states that we are currently under a moratorium until February. Kelly asked if we had to do anything in the short term and Ed states that the Governor vetoed the proposal and now the legislature has to figure out what is going to happen going forward. The town will have to look at having a special hearing/informational meeting/vote to extend moratorium in January. The board is looking at having a special town meeting on January 9th, 2018 to try to have it all on one day.

Motion to Adjourn at: 8:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nikki Starbird

Town of Sumner
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October, 24th, 2017

Members: Selectpersons Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw and Mary Ann Haxton
Town Clerk Susan Runes, Secretary Nikki Starbird, Road Commissioner Andrew Wickson

Residents Present: Nancy Newton, Fire Chief Bob Stewart, Planning Board member Jim Durfee

Warrant #8 - Checks# 12349-12361 in the amount of \$45,303.32 was read and verified
Receipts# 89-114 in the amount of \$43,677.05 was read and verified

Open Session:

Nancy Newton was in attendance and had concerns about Valley Rd and wants it graded. Road Commissioner Wickson states that they had wanted to do more improvement on that road, but they ended up “pulled in another direction”. He also states that over the next 4 or 5 years they will be working on high traffic roads, with Valley Rd being one of those roads. Nancy states that she didn’t have any problems until the last year or so and wants something done so she can drive on it. Wickson states that he has graded it 4 times this year and now that it has rained he will be out to grade it in the next week to week and a half.

Jim Durfee is asking to reconsider the placement of the Town of Sumner sign. He says that it could possibly go by the library or in another more visible location. It was mentioned that there is already a sign by the library. Selectperson Hinshaw asked Durfee what he would recommend and Durfee stated that he just would like to see it in a place where it is more visible. Hinshaw said that different areas can be looked at and then a final decision will be made.

Fire Chief Bob Stewart had a question about a phone call he received regarding a firehouse visit. Secretary Nikki Starbird had received the phone call and let Stewart know that it was a visit from an MMA official (I believe) who wasn’t able to do a visit to the firehouse the last time he came to the Town Office.

CEO/LPI:

Roads:

Road commissioner Andy Wickson states that Labrador Pond Rd has been paved and work on Bradeen Rd has a couple more days and then they will be done.

Forms-Reports- Correspondence:

Letter from Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frennette, LLP on behalf of Cliff McNeil regarding issues with his building notification and alleged behavior of the Planning Board. Selectperson Kelly Stewart read the letter and the Select Board came to the conclusion that this was not within their jurisdiction until the Planning Board had settled the matter. In regards to the accusation that the “Planning Board would fine my client and file enforcement action against it in court”, the Select Board has no knowledge of this and no motions to fine or file have been brought before them. The board would like to formulate a response letter, the Secretary will draft and send to Stewart for finalization. Let it be a matter of record that there is question about previous CEO Sidney Abbott’s permit numbers 470, 471 and 472. The numbers don’t seem to be attached to Cliff McNeil and the Planning Board has requested McNeil’s permits/approvals to clear the matter up.

Email from Glenn Holmes was read and the Select Board said that December 12th would be a good day for him to come to the meeting.

Selectperson Stewart signed the Health Trust salary change.

New Business:

Old Business:

An email asking for volunteer labor to help fix the roof will be sent out to the residents of Sumner.

Selectperson Haxton states that she will be attending a conference call on Thursday, October 26th to go over broadband goals and options. She will be bringing all of her compiled information and discuss options with Maine West.

Motion to Adjourn at: 8:12

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nikki Starbird

Town of Sumner
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10th, 2017

Members: Selectpersons Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw and Mary Ann Haxton
Clerk Susan Runes, Secretary Nikki Starbird, Road Commissioner Andrew Wickson, and Planning Board
Chair James McCarthy

Resident: Brent Hadley

The Minutes of the September 26th, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Warrant #7- Checks# 12317-12348 were verified in the amount of \$112,883.17
Receipts# 55-88 in the amount of \$115,618.14 were verified

Open Session:

Brent Hadley, president of the snowmobile club, went down to look at the river rd bridge that he had heard “rumors” about. Road Commissioner Wickson said that the bridge closing is not permanent and is intended to be replaced. Replacement timeline is a few years at best, due to needing an engineer to design it and then appropriating funds to cover the project. Selectperson Haxton mentioned that they had liked the idea of using a ‘flat rail car’, ~~Selectperson Stewart is hesitant with this because of weight restrictions and other factors~~(strikethrough due to question on wording, board approved amended version). Selectperson Hinshaw asked if it was possible to temporarily reroute snowmobile traffic, Hadley says that it is possible but the suggested trail that they could use is more of a 4 wheeler trail so it is a bit crooked and possibly not dragged/cared for with snowmobiles in mind.

CEO/LPI:

Activity Report was submitted and looked over by all Selectman. The question was raised about possible budget issues and Clerk Runes said that if it becomes a problem 75% can be taken from plumbing fees to cover shortfall.

Forms-Reports- Correspondence:

1. Municipal Energy Efficiency Survey-Selectperson Haxton will look over and fill out
2. 2017-2018 Tax commitment looked over and signed by all Selectmen
3. Members received 2017 tax bills
4. Email(September 29th) From Cliff McNeil regarding Planning Board Denial- McNeil states that he has all permits issued by Sid and will bring to the meeting[McNeil did not attend the meeting]. Planning Board Chair, James McCarthy states that Sid cannot approve a pad being moved, he can only certify quality of pad. McCarthy also states that the board ran into an issue regarding the numbers on the approvals/permits didn't match the ones mentioned. McNeil is also wanting to place a pad/home in an area that is not part of the current subdivision plan. McCarthy says that he has requested documents from McNeil so the process is ongoing. Selectboard decided not to move forward until more information is provided to the Planning Board by McNeil.
5. Tree Growth certification from Suzan & David Irish, R21-Lot 3, was read and signed
6. Nikki Starbird was appointed E911 Addressing Officer, Administrative Assistant to the General

Assistance Administrator, and the Public Access Officer

7. September 2017 Financial Statements were reviewed. Road Commissioner Wickson had some questions. He had thought that \$10,000 had been added to the Project budget for oversight/engineering and was asking why this amount had been removed from the Project budget and now had to come out of the road budget. Susan stated that \$10,000 had been added to the bid amount to initially cover engineering but had been changed to a contingency amount through the budget process and approved at Town Meeting. Wickson asked if the money for the engineering could come out of the General Fund, the answer was no. If it is to be done this year it needs to come out of the road budget. Wickson can submit the engineering cost of \$5,178.27 in the next budget. Selectperson Stewart asked if there were any projects that could possibly be cut to cover costs and what would they be? Wickson stated that there would be two turn arounds cut and the work on Bradeen road would stop this week. It was stated that there was no 'quick fix'.
8. Selectperson Hinshaw presented the Town of Sumner recognition by the Maine Municipal Association

Old Business:

1. Furnace maintenance was done, everything looks good
2. Former Landfill mowing bid for \$250 (\$125 per town for Hartford and Sumner) by Tom Bragg, was accepted
3. Welcome to Sumner Signs-Email from Cliff McNeil has requested that the Town sign be removed from his property. Selectperson Hinshaw has done research on the matter and says that the sign is in the Town right of way and legal but, as a gesture of goodwill, the Town will move the sign. The Town of Sumner Sign will be moved to a location near the Railroad tracks, on the left side going north. The State of Maine needs to come and approve location. Motion was made and approved. Hinshaw also mentioned that he had inspected all the town signs and in 3-5 years we will have to think about replacing the signs. He is currently fixing a couple that need new 2x4's. Hinshaw submitted a report that shows inspection notes and recommendations.
5. Selectperson Edwin Hinshaw attended the MMA convention and provided some information to the Select Board. Regarding the Marijuana referendum, the state is looking at a 20% tax with 10% to the state 5% to the town and 5% to 'Other'. The recommendation is that we start looking about these issues early or the Town might lose the opportunity to regulate within the Town.

Issues to consider:

1. Social Clubs
2. Farming and Agriculture
3. Manufacturing
4. Quality Control
5. Sales

Town needs to have a vote to allow or not allow. If the Town votes to allow, we are in a position where we can control what regulations we want or don't want in the Town, if we don't allow then State regulations take effect and the Town has no say at that point. Selectperson Haxton mentioned that a discussion needs to happen as to whether or not to extend the moratorium on marijuana, as well as discussion or info session on regulations, what opting in or out would mean and a possible timeline on the process.

4. Broadband goals- Selectperson Haxton is researching expanding broadband in Sumner. She is in communications with Maine West to look at goals and possible grants and funding. Maine West has asked what goals would we want to achieve?

Things to think about:

Would we want fiber optics? Wireless?

Do we have adequate service at Town Office? (not really)

Consider a hotspot at the Town Office, School and somewhere in West Sumner (possibly Greenwoods, Redding or Black Mtn Rd's?)

What is the radius of the hot spots?

Would we want to set a goal of 50% coverage?

Will be going over questions and revisit when more information is collected. Selectperson Haxton will continue to work with Maine West to get options and ideas.

5. Sale of rock rake and fire truck- notices will be put on uncle henry's and craigslist.

6. Lost Check Policy- The board decided to not amend the policy

7. Susan let the board know that there is damage to the roof over the entrance caused by ice.

The Select Board has asked that an email be sent out to ask for volunteers to come in, give an estimate of labor and materials.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:11

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nikki Starbird

Town of Sumner
Select Board Minutes
July 11, 2017 7:00 PM

MEMBERS: Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Andrew Wickson, Robert Stewart, Mio Knowles

RESIDENTS:

Minutes of June 27, 2017 meeting approved by Kelly Stewart & Mary Ann Haxton

Warrant #27 06/30/2017 Checks 12163-12167 for \$8,198.99 **verified by Edwin Hinshaw**

Receipts 1887 - 1903 \$13,530.87 **verified by Mary Ann Haxton**

Warrant #1 Check # 12168 - 12186 \$105,812.39 **verified by Edwin Hinshaw**

Receipts 1904 - 1910 **verified by Mary Ann Haxton**
2016-2017 Tax Collected
2015-2016 Tax Collected

Open Session: None

School Board: Charles Maddaus indicated he will not be able to be present at this time and has nothing new to report.

CEO/LPI: Nothing new to report

Forms & Reports:

1. Maine Tree Growth Application for Tamara A. Hoyt, R-17 Lot 6 was reviewed and approved by Mary Ann Haxton, seconded by Ed Hinshaw, all were in favor.

2. Mary Ann stated she would like the board to start doing check and balances with the bank statements, checks, and deposits every quarter. The other members of the board agreed.

Roads:

1. Andy stated that with all the rain we had in the previous week he had to go and inspect and clear all the culverts to ensure they flow properly. He also had to re-rake all the dirt roads.
2. Andy stated he will be posting Valley Rd as a certain tonnage and not for tractor trailers as there are several blind spots in that area. Mary Ann made a motion to approve, Kelly seconded all were in favor.
3. Andy contacted the gentleman from MaineDOT to verify that our bridge and River Rd are back in their inventory. MaineDOT would like to receive our current road ordinance and maintenance history of River Rd. Andy stated he contacted our former road commissioner to ask him about the maintenance history of River Rd. Former road commissioner explained to Andy that he in fact did some type of maintenance on the roads. Andy will be sending a letter to the gentleman at MaineDOT explaining to him that we do maintenance on River Rd road.
4. Andy stated he was in touch with the company that sells the railroad cars: 60 foot railroad car is \$20,000, a 90 foot railroad car is \$50,000 and it costs \$2,000 to ship it from Portland to Sumner. He also explained that they will provide us with a crane on site to help with the placement of the bridge. We will still have to build the bridge abutments.
5. There are a couple of bridges without railing, Andy will contact a couple of companies to obtain estimates. He also contacted a fencing company to obtain an estimated cost on the gate for the town lot.
6. Letter to John & Sally Phillips from Starbird Rd. informing them that the town will no longer maintain their road was reviewed and signed by the Selectman and Road Commissioner.

Old Business:

1. Kelly Steward stated she has been contacting the ATV club in regards to ATV Club road signs posted on Redding Rd, Tuell Hill Rd, and Heath Hill Rd, and there has been no reply since the last time she chatted with them.

New Business:

1. Presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Stella Stachaczynski: Cane will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. Mary Ann questioned if the family members have been notified; Kelly explained she has been in contact with the family and they are aware of the date and time.

FYI:

1. 2016 Financial Audit will be conducted the week of July 11, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Reminder: the Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday August 8, 2017, 7pm at Hartford Sumner Elementary School

Motion to Adjourn: Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., Kelly seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mio K. Knowles

Secretary to the Select Board

Town of Sumner

Select Board Minutes

July 25, 2017 7:00 PM

MEMBERS: Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Andrew Wickson, Robert Stewart, Bill Kennedy, Susan Runes, Mio Knowles

RESIDENTS: Walter Jasniewski

Minutes of July 11, 2017 were received. MaryAnn moved to approve the amended minutes. Kelly Stewart seconded. So voted and accepted.

Warrant #1 Check # 12187 - 12202 \$11,811.63 **verified by Edwin Hinshaw**

Receipts 1911 - 1934 \$22,157.69 **verified by Mary Ann Haxton**
2016-2017 Tax Collected 89%
2015-2016 Tax Collected 90%

Open Session: Mr. Walter Jasniewski present to follow up and discuss the ATV trail signs posted on Tuell Hill Road, Redding Road, and Heath Hill.

School Board: Charles Maddaus sent email explaining that he will be out of town from July 20 through August 10th. He reported as follow:

Our last school board meeting, July 12th, included the following:

1. MVHS Roof Repair Bond was approved by voters 279-39 and validated by the Board.
2. Revised ED 279 increases state contribution to our district by est. 645,000.
3. Technology bids for Grade 9-12 laptops were considered as follows-- Apple iPads \$369,000 over four years, Lenovo Chromebooks \$197,000 over three years. Board voted to purchase Chromebooks at significant savings over original budget.
4. Due to bubble in incoming MVMS 8th Grade, principal request for additional teacher was approved.

5. The role and necessity of a Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment was discussed. This is to replace the Assistant Superintendent at a lower salary, as Pam Doyen resigned to lead RSU 56.

I will attend the next RSU 10 Board Meeting on August 14th, and report accordingly.

PS: Revised ED 279 has been updated to \$658,689. I'd recommend a call to the Superintendent asking what the Summer share of 50% of this additional funding is due to back to taxpayers, as suggested by the legislature.

CEO/LPI William Kennedy: Submitted activity report for June-July 2017.

Forms & Reports:

1. Signed Maine Department of Transportation (LRAP) Local Road Assistance Program 2016-2017 certification \$40,264 in funds.

Roads:

7. Andy stated that Mr. Phillips from Stabbird Rd contacted him in regards to the letter sent to him stating that the town will no longer maintain Stabbird Rd in accordance to the road ordinance; Mr. Phillips expressed his discontent with the decision made by the road commissioner and the select board. Andy stated he invited Mr. Philips to attend today's meeting. Mr. Stabbird was not present.
8. Andy stated after the Redding Rd bridge work is finished, he will be reclaiming the 200 to 300 yards of gravel from that working area and repurpose it on the same road. The temporary bridge is in place. Calderwood Engineering started digging, it was determined that a new concrete footer will be needed, Eric Calderwood will be sending a new proposal to the Select Board to review and sign the change of order if they agree.
9. Sand and salt being taken without permission from the town lot, and trash being dump. Andy obtain two quotes for the town lot gate:
 - a. Aroostok Fence: industrial chain link fence all posts driven 3' deep, gate posts set 4' deep, contract amount \$17,595.00
 - b. Pine Tree Fencing Company \$13,992.00

It was determined by the board that these quotes will be file with the minutes for future reference. The board will like to research other ways to close the town lot gate for a more reasonable price, maybe posting no trespassing signs or the use of barriers.

4. Andy reported he will be refilling some of the pot holes from Bonney & Gammon Road.

Old Business:

1. ATV Club trail signs: Kelly stated she contacted the local game warden Dave Chabot and he contacted the ATV club president Mr. Abbott and explain to him that he needs to remove the

posted trail signs. Mr. Chabot explained to Kelly that if Mr. Abbott doesn't remove the signs, the selectman and the road commissioner have the authority to remove them.

2. Boston Post Cane: Board discussed the process in which they will be presenting the Boston Post Cane at the beginning of the annual town meeting. Decision was made to do it at the beginning of the meeting. Kelly stated she will keep the family posted with the latest information.

New Business:

1. Select Board Meeting after Annual Town Meeting: the board agreed they will be a short select board meeting after the annual town meeting to review and discuss the changes the town voted for at the time.
2. Annual Town Meeting Refreshments:
3. New Junior Firefighter: Bob Stewart stated that there is an application for a new junior recruit and he will like to know the liability towards the town. After this item was carefully discussed it was determined that more research needs to be done. Ed stated he will call workers compensation and Susan stated she will call the firefighters insurance and report the outcome back to Mr. Stewart.

FYI:

1. Jensen Baird & Henry Municipal Client Seminar 9/28/17: letter was reviewed with no comment.
2. Tobacco Prevention Resources & Policies: SB members reviewed the information, Ed stated it he has seen this packet before and nothing has change.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2. Reminder: the Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday August 8, 2017, 7pm at Hartford Sumner Elementary School

Motion to Adjourn: Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., Kelly seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Mio K. Knowles

Secretary to the Select Board

Town of Sumner
SELECT BOARD MINUTES

June 13, 2017 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS: Mary Ann Haxton, Edward Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Robert Stewart, Andrew Wickson, and Mio Knowles

RESIDENTS: Steven L. Hargreaves, Walter Jasniewski, Beth Maddaus

Minutes of May 9th & 23rd, 2017 Approved by Mary Ann Haxton, and Ed Hinshaw.

Warrant #24 06/13/2017 Checks 12080 – 12101 for \$ 80,359.13 reviewed and approved by Mary Ann Haxton

Receipts 1832 – 1864 for \$39,102.45 reviewed and approved by Edward Hinshaw

2016 – 2017 Tax Collected \$1,043,737.45 87%

2015 – 2016 Tax Collected 88%

Open Session: Walter Jasniewski presented concern as he stated Tuell Hill Rd, Redding Rd, up to Health Hill is posted as an ATV trail. He stated he understood that the town hasn't approved Heath Hill as an ATV trail and he would like for someone from our office to contact the ATV club president to clarify the information and to make him aware of the town policy.

Mary Ann Haxton stated that her understanding is that there is a distance limit on a town road, that the ATV's are allowed to travel and she wasn't sure exactly what it is. Ed Hinshaw stated the distance allowed is five hundred feet. He also asked if anybody knew who put the ATV trail signs up? Andy Wickson stated he assumed it had been the ATV Club who placed the signs up on the road. Mary Ann Haxton suggested that we should start by contacting the ATV club and find out their what is their rationale, and to confirm that our understanding is that they can only traverse a road up to 500 feet from one trail to another.

Kelly Stewart stated she will provide Mio Knowles with the contact information for the president of the ATV Club Bill Lowell and for her to contact him and ask him about the trail signs.

School Board: Charlie Maddaus provided the selectman board with a copy of the RSU #10 Town Assessment comparison of percentages of additional local for each town, for their review. There is a proposal from our technology director to buy new Mac Book Air laptops. Cost over four years: seven hundred forty thousand dollars just for the laptops. He expressed his frustration as they weren't given an alternative, he stated he will request a meeting with the head of superintendent to see if there are any other alternatives that have not been discussed at this point.

Edward Hinshaw suggested to the other selectman to write a letter to the superintendent, requesting a cross comparison between Mac Book Air and other alternatives as suggested by Charles Maddaus, this letter will be presented by Mr. Maddaus at his next meeting with the superintendent.

Mr. Maddaus stated that the grounds and business manager had resigned from the position, a new person was hired. Also for this region the only new hire was a special education teacher at Hartford Sumner to get them back up to full speed.

CEO/LPI: William Kennedy report reviewed. Kelly Stewart stated that we should follow up on the properties that were mailed citations for junkyard violations. Mary Ann Haxton stated the properties owners have until the end of September to comply with town policy.

Forms and Reports: Mary Ann Haxton read and reviewed the changes in the new Kozy Kennel contract effective June 2nd, 2018, she moved to approved motion seconded by Ed Hinshaw, all in favor.

Roads: Mary Ann Haxton read the MaineDOT letter dated May 23rd, 2017; This letter is to inform the select board members that MaineDOT is removing Proctor bridge and Chandler bridge both on the river road, from the state bridge inventory.

Andy Wickson stated he explained to MaineDOT that it may take a while for us to figure out whether we do or don't do maintenance on this road. They immediately moved to strike these bridges off their inventory as it were, and sent us this letter. He called them and let them know that they are maintaining roads and they are back on the bridge inventor. He will follow up with them to make sure that we get a letter stating this fact.

DOT Map & Road Inventory: Andy Wickson stated the two maps received will be placed; one in the Fire Department and the other in the Town of Sumner map room. Mary Ann Haxton suggested that we identify one map with the unmaintained roads with residence and the other map with campers, this way we can make long term plans on those bridges placed on unmaintained roads.

Kelly Stewart stated that as we move forward think it is important to clarify again we're not saying that it is done forever, but looking at all the budgetary items that need to be considered that would be just added to the cost for long term plan.

Ed Hinshaw stated that in his opinion this should be addressed before it gets here if we need to go back to what we just said about the mapping and clarifying the roads and from this bridge, that was the recommendation. We have a notation page that agrees with the procedure, but this is the strategy, classifications and the sequencing is what's going to be important.

Kelly Stewart: explained that we need a warrant if they want to vote to sell the rock rake with the proceeds going to road equipment She thinks this is the best reliable way to go. Move to approve motion all in favor.

Susan Runes stated she discussed the warrant for selling the pumper truck with Kelly Stewart and the outcome is to let the fire department determine where the proceeds go. Ed Hinshaw moved to agree to sell the pumper truck and with the proceeds deposit to an account determined by the fire department. Seconded by Mary Ann Haxton. All in favor.

Susan Runes presented an article to do the Redding Rd culverts as some of that is done thru taxation. "Do we anticipate needing more concrete?" Mary Ann Haxton stated she contacted Greg and asked him the question, he explained he cannot estimate until they get in there. She sent him an email with the yards covered.

Andy Wickson stated that our municipal lot where we keep the sand, should be gated and locked as there has been lots of traffic, and there is a worry of trespassing. He will obtain an estimate on how much it will cost to install. Andy Wickson reported that he graded Valley Rd

Old Business: A reminder that the public hearing on the Moratorium draft ordinance will be held on June 27th and ordinance will be on the warrant for Town Meeting.

Edward Hinshaw stated he hasn't received any changes or feedback as of yet for the Marijuana moratorium draft. The latest was recorded as May 23rd, 2017. Mary Ann Haxton asked Mr. Hinshaw to forward her a copy of the latest draft.

Municipal building lots plowing contract reviewed and signed by Mary Ann Haxton seconded by Edward Hinshaw.

The Town Report printing bid review by Kelly Stewart moved to accept the bid, Mary Ann Haxton seconded the motion, all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn: Kelly Stewart made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., Edward Hinshaw seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mio K. Knowles

Secretary to the Select Board

Moratorium Ordinance on Commercial Marijuana Public Hearing: 6:30pm

Those present: Tom Standard, Micah Emery, Dorothy Hinshaw, Martha Hinshaw Sheldon, Raymond S. Knowles, Lucas Hood, Jason Hood, Bob Stewart, Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Andy Wickson, Mary Ann Haxton, Susan Runes, Mio Knowles.

The draft Moratorium Ordinance was presented. Residents raised questions about the timing and the necessity of the ordinance. Mary Ann Haxton and Edwin Hinshaw shared the rationale and need for the ordinance. Editorial changes were made to the third page, first paragraph, and fourth line.

Enclosures: Legislative Bulletin from the Maine Municipal Association Vol XXXIX No. 8 All Things Marijuana

Town of Sumner

Select Board Minutes

June 27, 2017 7:00 PM

MEMBERS: Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Andrew Wickson, Susan Runes, Robert Stewart, Mio Knowles

RESIDENTS:

Minutes of June 6, 2017 meeting approved by Mary Ann Haxton

Warrant #26 06/13/2017 Checks 12121-12162 for \$21,784.40 **verified by Edwin Hinshaw**

Receipts 1865 - 1886 \$21,830.96 **verified by Mary Ann Haxton**
2016-2017 Tax Collected 88%
2015-2016 Tax Collected 89%

Open Session: None

School Board: Charles Maddaus indicated he will not be able to be present at this time and has nothing new to report.

CEO/LPI: Bill Kennedy submitted synopsis of work dated June 27, 2017 for the underground waste water system at 42 Front Street, West Sumner, ME. This synopsis stated that during his inspections of the work at 42 Front Street, he observed that a new septic tank was installed with a lift station to pump waste to the newly installed distribution box and drain field. After installation of the system the area was landscaped, loamed, seeded and mulched. Large stones were placed to prevent damage to the system by passage of automobiles, etc.

All work appears to have been completed in compliance with the provided design and in compliance with the Under Ground Waste Water Rules of the State of Maine.

Forms & Reports:

1. Power Shut Off Ordinance: Susan stated that the Power shut off ordinance that the planning board needs to review and approve, probably will not be completed in time to present at the Annual Town Meeting, also she thinks the planning board members will have multiple questions about the ordinance before they sign it.

Ed Hinshaw stated other towns have these ordinances and it should not be a problem for the Planning Board to review and sign this ordinance.

It was determined that Andy Wickon & Bob Stewart will contact James McCarthy to help him out with the Power shut off ordinance.

2. Fire Truck Sale: Susan Runes asked Kelly Stewart if the fire department decided to sell the fire truck and if so where will the funds be deposited to. Kelly stated the funds will be deposited into the fire department equipment account.
3. Town Report Warrant Signature Page: the selectmen reviewed and signed the town report signature page.
4. May Financial Statement: Susan Runes stated that there will be only one article for overdraft and that will be the one for the roads extra sanding and salt.
5. CN Brown Fixed Price Fuel Agreement: Offer to lock in price at \$1.69 per gallon, review by Mary Ann Haxton moved to accept the offer, Kelly Stewart seconded the motion, all in favor.
6. Appointment letters for Mary Standard and James Durfee were reviewed and signed

Roads: Andy Wickson stated that Peter M. Coughlan, P.E. Director, MaineDOT, Community Services requested proof of road maintenance by the town of Sumner for River Road and Damon Road (public easements). These are easement roads and the town will provide minimal maintenance as stated in our road ordinance.

Mary Ann Haxton suggested that we need to carefully review and rewrite our road ordinance to define the roads that are public easements or town way.

Kelly Stewart stated that we need to obtain clarification from MaineDOT in what is their definition in public easement and town way. Andy Wickson will contact MaineDOT with the request and ask them to attend our next selectman meeting.

Andy Wickson stated he did some research on some of our roads and what he has discovered so far is that Stabbard Road is appointed as a private way in the ordinance and we should not be plowing it; as well as some other roads that are categorized as private ways. In conclusion the recommendation is that the road commissioner & our selectman to write a notification letter for the residents of Stabbard Rd informing them that according to the town ordinance their road is categorized as a private road and the town will not be servicing the road any longer.

Andy Wickson stated he added 900 yards of gravel to Damon Road, he also noticed that there are no ditches. He suggested contacting a logging company to cut down the right of way in exchange for the wood. Ed Hinshaw indicated that this option will have to be researched, and we will probably have to notify the home owners of said roads; we will have to contact MMA to verify the legalities. Mary Ann Haxton commented that we have the responsibility as selectman to the town to ease our budget, as long as is legal.

Andy Wickson mentioned that Redding Rd electrical lines will be moving to different poles.

Andy Wickson stated he has been contacted by the Four River Railroad Company “they have railroad flatbed cars and what they do is they make bridges out of them, and they're 16 and 90 feet long, they're a single lane, and they said we can add rails to that. They sent me a stage showing me what they look like, they need concrete abutments, and they take these things and set them in place then they take the wheels off them. This company states these flatbed cars have greater specifications than DOT so they can be used for bridges”. Mary Ann Haxton stated the bridge will have to be out for bidding, with the specifications of exactly what is needed in a bridge.

Old Business:

1. Kelly Stewart stated she contacted the ATV club thru Facebook in regards to the ATV Club road signs posted in Redding Rd, Tuell Hill Rd, and Heath Hill Rd, and she received not so nice answers back from one of the members of the club; Kelly submitted for the record a Facebook transcript of the messages from the ATV club. To be added for follow up to the next select board meeting.

FYI:

1. Susan Runes informed the select board members that the meeting room will be used for the voting on the referendum because the town will be voting on the bond for the roof in Mount Valley High School. Also the auditor will be here all week.
2. Acknowledgement of New refrigerator donated by Mio Knowles to the town office.
3. Reminder that the town office will be closed from July 1st thru the 4th.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Bond Referendum vote for Roof will be July 11th.

Motion to Adjourn: Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mio K. Knowles

Secretary to the Select Board

Town of Sumner

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

May 9, 2017 7:30 PM

Special Town Meeting 7:00: 50 residents voted (45 yes, 5 no) to appropriate funds to purchase a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle. \$13,500 from General Fund. \$22,000 from Fire Truck Account.

MEMBERS: Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Andrew Wickson, Susan Runes, Robert Stewart, Bill Kennedy (CEO)

RESIDENTS: Jonathan Leavitt, Heidi Linscott, Stephen Peters, Beth Maddaus, Charlie Maddaus, William Lowell, Carol Hadley, Brent Hadley, Jane Stevens, Erica Stevens, Michelle Lowell, Tom Bragg, John Roberts

1. Minutes of April 25, 2017 meeting approved as amend

2. Warrant #22 05/09/2017 Checks 12039--12062 for \$88,009.51 **verified by Edwin Hinshaw**

Receipts 1784 - 1811 \$23,878.62 **verified by Mary Ann Haxton**
2016-2017 Tax Collected 86%
2015-2016 Tax Collected 86%

3. Open Session: Jonathan Leavitt, who lives on Damon Road, is concerned about the road and what can be done about it. Residents contribute to try to keep it passable. They want to work with the Town to improve it. Jonathan will meet with Andy to discuss options. Andy will report progress.

The Chandler Bridge Closing was discussed, again noting that the bridge will be closed before June 1st. A list of abutters will be compiled and they will be notified. After discussion it was concluded that a Bridge Committee of citizens concerned would work with Andy to consider options for the town's bridges. Brent Hadley volunteered to be on the committee.

One idea was to construct a ATV, Snowmobile, walking, horse bridge on private property next to the closed bridge (funded by citizens, clubs, grants, etc.)

4. School Board: Charlie Maddaus reported that the School budget increase will be 2.841% and 5.098% to Sumner directly. Grant funding (of \$798,000) has been secured to retrofit the Penacook Learning Center which will service the regional community and be an income producer. Charlie reminded those present of the dates for the RSU budget votes which are listed under Upcoming Events.

5. CEO/LPI: William Kennedy prepared two letters to be sent to residents about the presence of junkyards at 759 Main Street and Varney Road. Select Board voted to send the letters. Action to be completed by September 1st, 2017.

Bill Kennedy reported that the sewage issue on Front Street was being addressed and will report to Select Board when work has been satisfactorily completed.

6. Forms and Reports:

Correspondence from Becky Durgin received with no comment

Draft Planning Board minutes, May 2, 2017 received with no comment

7. Roads: Andy reported on the meeting with MDOT. There will be a few changes to be reported to MDOT on status of roads. Written report

8. Old Business:

Marijuana Moratorium-Commercial Growers draft ordinance was moved, seconded and all in favor to present to citizens at an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm. A public hearing will be held and ordinance will be on the warrant for Town Meeting.

Discussion in regards to a planned mass gathering in W. Sumner Village. Kelly reported that there are no state statutes to regulate such gatherings. The CEO was contacted to be aware of the event.

The Rte 219 speeding concerns in East Sumner Village will be addressed by posting officers there at will to monitor vehicle traffic.

9. New Business:

Secretary/Assistant position job opening was posted asking for resumes and references. Interviews will be scheduled when we have viable candidates.

Bid for Office complex plowing was opened. New England Custom Builders was awarded the bid for \$4,500 per year plus additional charges as described in the bid.

Bid for Office complex sand removal was opened. Tom Bragg was awarded the bid for \$350 per year. The Select Board voted to add this work to the Mowing contract for a three year contract instead of yearly.

2017-2018 Budget was reviewed and suggestions noted for reductions. Kelly will check with Cindy Dunn regarding Transfer station budget and options for a bid from Buckfield Rescue for whole town coverage. There will be a Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30pm at Town Office.

The Town Report will be sent to printer by July 14th. Reports are due by June 13th. Mary Ann Haxton will contact Sondra Bragg about helping with setting up the town report and pay her for the work required. A decision is needed about the picture for the cover and the dedication.

Andy requested that the Road Commissioner position be changed to a 3 year term. Moved, seconded and all in favor to put the requested change on the Warrant for 2017 town meeting. The change would be effective for the 2018 town meeting.

10. FYI:

Dana Berube of J. E. O'Donnell & Assoc. will be in Sumner the week of May 16, 2017 to do the annual assessing field work. There were 60 visits. No Post cards were sent.

Nomination papers for Selectperson and Road Commissioner will be available on Thursday,
May 25, 2017

11. UPCOMING EVENTS:

RSU #10 Budget Informational meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 Buckfield JSHS, The vote on replacing the roof will be 6:30pm, budget meeting start at 7:00pm

Information Meeting on Moratorium Ordinance Re: Marijuana will be May 23rd, 6:30pm, Town Office

RSU #10 Budget Vote Wednesday, May 24, 2017 MVHS, Rumford, 6:30pm

RSU #10 Budget Vote will be Tuesday, June 13th, Town Office, 8am – 8pm

Bond Referendum vote for Roof will be July 11th 8am - 8pm

How Forestry Laws Affect Municipalities Workshop in Augusta on May 23, 2017

Motion to Adjourn: -

Mary Ann Haxton

Acting Secretary to the Select Board