

Sumner Select Board Minutes
May 28, 2019 at 7:00

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Members present: Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Mary Ann Haxton, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Others present: Roni-Sue Vachon, Animal Control Officer and Tom Bragg, cemetery maintenance.

The minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton and voted.

Tom Bragg, who maintains the **cemeteries**, reported that 30 stones at Black Mountain Cemetery and 20 at Redding Road Cemetery need repair work. Damon Road Cemetery also needs work and 2 stones at Robinson Cemetery. Haxton made a motion, which Stewart seconded to accept the proposed invoice for cemetery repairs with payment due at the end of the work. Bragg said he plans to have done by the end of July.

Roni-Sue Vachon is stepping up as **Animal Control Officer** as Ozzie Hart retires as of June 1st. Vachon agreed to the same budgeted amount of \$150 per month plus mileage. Hinshaw made a motion to appoint Vachon, which was seconded by Stewart and voted. Vachon reported that her back up will be Robert Larrabee, the ACO for Casco. They will both cover for each other.

School board report : Charlie Maddaus Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the school board meeting was moved to Tuesday so Maddaus was attending that meeting. Runes shared that Maddaus is not planning on taking out nomination papers for the school board position representing Sumner. Maddaus has worked hard to represent Sumner on the school board. He especially worked to get equity for Sumner within the school district budget.

Sumner CEO John Evans was not present. Strout reported that on May 15, Evan visited the home at 144 Upper Sumner Hill to have Theresa Cagone sign a letter of agreement to have the yard cleaned up within 60 days. Cagone signed the letter at that time.

Road commissioner Andy Wickson presented a roads condition chart with an outline of what work needs to be done on each "Town Way". Wickson will determine the number of culverts that need to be replaced. He will also create a timeline for a 3-5 year projection of road work. The road work plans includes prep work of tree and ditch work where it is needed. Some priority work areas are Tuell Hill, replanking the bridge on Andrews Road and removing the Paris Hill bridge.

Haxton would like to add the public easements list so residents know the difference in the two categories. Road work on public easements occurs on an emergency basis. The current pavement/dirt surface will be maintained for each road. The ultimate goal is to upgrade and maintain our infrastructure.

Forms, Reports and Correspondence

The Tree Growth plan of Dwinal was signed.

The Warrant and Notice of Election Calling RSU10 Budget Validation Referendum was signed

New Business:

An informational meeting on the town budget with a focus on roads and broadband needs to be scheduled several weeks before the town meeting. Broadband may be another budget line questioned since it is a new expense. Suggested dates are July 9 and June 24 with an early Select Board meeting at 6:00 and the informational meeting at 7:00.

Wickson reported that someone has created a temporary bridge over the barriers blocking access to the bridge on River Road. The set-up is dangerous and needs to be taken down. Wickson will check with MDOT about the procedure in this matter. There was the question wondering if the snowmobile club was aware of this temporary bridge but no one present could answer that question.

The last segment of grading will be on Spring Road. Bradeen Road is still wet and will need to be graded again when it is drier. Residents from Damon Road are also requesting work on their road.

Future uses of the pop up building that is in the Town Garage were discussed. It has a frame and roof. Its size is approximately 30 x 60. An appropriate location would also need to be selected. Wickson suggested it to be used as a storage building, first putting on a roof, then sides. A concrete floor would be a large expense. Wickson will investigate possible placements and price of cement.

Old Business

The Salt shed work was completed by Eugene Lucas at start of winter.

Runes requested to move a week of vacation into the next fiscal year. Hinshaw made a motion to accept this proposal, which was seconded by Stewart and voted.

An employee of Nickerson's met with Haxton to attempt to locate the septic tank. Not accomplished yet.

Broadband update. A group of interested residents met with Mia Purcell of Community Concepts. GWI is working on a loan application for a project involving the three towns of Sumner, Hartford and Hebron. The project would be no cost to municipalities and all equipment would be owned by GWI. The product and service would then be available for residents to purchase. Rates should be competitive with other services with no cost of municipalities and no commitment. The applications are due by June 21st with the project commencing in 2022. Communities with at least 20 farms that generate a \$1000 in revenue annually are eligible to apply. The informational sheet is a Rural Development paper. Hinshaw suggests we continue to find out information to educate ourselves.

A location for the Textile bin has not been selected yet. Hinshaw has not heard back from coordinator so he will follow up.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:45 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and voted.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved June 11, 2019