

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda**  
**January 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
**Following Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station meeting at 6:00 pm**

Members Present: Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart, Ed Hinshaw, School Board representative Charles Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public Present: Cody Billings and Beth Maddaus

The minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted. The minutes from January 8, 2019 were also read and approved with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

(No meeting 12/25/18)

**Warrant #14**

Checks #13045-13068 \$75,436.22

Receipts #938-967 In the amount of \$67,917.69

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,026,942.69 75% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 75% of the commitment

**Open Session:**

Cody Billings, a Hartford resident, attended the Select Board meeting to complain about his situation when he damaged his car travelling over a hole in Bonney Road that he measured as 16 feet wide by 4 1/2 feet by 8 inches deep. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> he called the Sumner Town Office to report the road condition. Billings reported to the Select Board the damage cost was \$956.77 to repair. Billings expressed his disappointed that no one from the town got back to him. He learned on FaceBook that his situation had been discussed at the Select Board meeting. Several Select Board members expressed empathy with the situation. On the day of the call, office staff had dispatched the Road Commissioner to mark the area until repairs were made on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**RSU #10 Charles Maddaus**

School Board member Charles Maddaus shared an email from Scott Holmes, head of buildings and grounds for RSU10. Holmes stated that the flashing signs would not be effective and might give parents false security that students can cross safely. Holmes suggested that the unofficial parking lot across from the school be closed. In the future he suggested that the school department make a drop off spot on the same side of 219 as the school and create 20 new parking spaces. A further suggestion from Hinshaw was that someone should contact AVCOG for grant opportunities.

Maddaus has been invited to a meeting with the appropriations committee for the state. Maddaus has interest in discussing the process of funding, especially rural areas and in discussing the state funding 55% of the school budget. Maddaus welcomes communication from any select board member or budget committee members before that meeting. The state appropriations committee will meet January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CEO/LPI: John Evans**

Evans was not in attendance. Question for Evans is: when will you have certification to take the next step after initiating fines and fees? As in our situation, a letter has been sent as to what is accruing, but who enforces that?

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson**

Wickson was not in attendance.

Road Committee meeting, February 12, 2019 at 6 pm (date changed)

For the plowing contract, Lucas has asked to be paid for the upcoming month so at this time two payments will be made. Each payment will move up so the last payment for the contract will now be paid in March. The Select Board members approved this via email communication.

Several residents have let us know of corners that are very difficult to see around due to snow piles. These intersections include 140 & 219, 219 & Front St, and 219 and Valley Road. Also the parking lots of the Town Office and the Post Office have limited visibility.. The back entrance to the Town Office needs to be cleared to ensure that is a safe emergency exit for the building.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

The omission of a Veteran Exemption was discovered in this year's tax commitment. After verifying with O'Donnell, an abatement of taxes was issued for Stephen and Donna Stevens.

Two harvest notices have been received for Richard Farrar and Benjamin Church.

Scholarship fund has over \$106,842.77 in principle. The interest and the bottle drive money are used for the scholarship awards each year. This year, there was an anonymous donation of \$6000.00 to add to the proceeds from the BBQ concession at Buckfield Days and more than \$1500.00 in bottle redemption.

**New Business:**

The Notices of Foreclosure will be mailed February 1. Certified letters of foreclosure on tax liens from 2016 will be sent to the owners of 23 properties.

The Transfer Station committee met directly before the Select Board. The primary topics were

the operation of the new compactor, alternative ways to dispose of brush, and the potentials for the Textile donation program. Representatives from the Textile program will be invited to a meeting of the Transfer Station committee. An alternative site for the brush might be behind the sand lot in Sumner.

**Old Business:**

Two residents have expressed interest in the open seats on the Planning Board. They have been invited to the next meeting to observe the process and to ask any questions they might have.

The roof repair is the only part left for the Insurance Action Plan from MMA. Materials have been purchased for the work to be done when the snow season is finished.

The septic tank pumping will be scheduled for the Spring.

**Upcoming events:**

**Roads Committee Meeting, February 12, 2019 at 6 pm**

The committee will be looking at long term projections and priorities for road work including ditching and replacing culverts; planning for bridge work and updating the road inventory.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:44** with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Stewart and voted.

**January 22, 2019 minutes**

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: February 12, 2019