

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes**  
**February 26, 2019**  
**6:00 pm Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)-**  
**Committee appointments**

**Members Present:** Select board members Ed Hinshaw and Mary Ann Haxton, School board member Charles Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout. (Kelly Stewart was not present)

**Public Present:** none

The minutes from February 13, 2019 were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw , seconded by Haxton and voted.

**Warrant #16**

Checks #13093-13121 \$51,356.13

Receipts # 1008-1029 In the amount of \$23,760.06

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$\$1,107,394.62 81% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 81% of the commitment

**Open Session:**

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus**

Maddaus had attended a school board meeting the evening before.

The reorganization plan for Mexico and Rumford has been scraped, but the school board will be looking to move 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Middle School for next school year.

Maddaus also brought financial statements with projected expenses and income. He is the chair of the financial committee for the school district.

Governor Mills may also budget more money for education and/or release some money that Gov. LePage held back.

**CEO/LPI Report:** John Evans was not present but he recommends that the residents of 144 Upper Sumner Hill receive a monthly update with the current amount of fees that they owe. Hinshaw made a motion that monthly letters continue to be delivered until there is a change in the status of the yard. This motion was seconded by Haxton and so voted.

Evans also suggests we have a Junkyard Permit application. If we do not have one, he will provide samples from other towns. We also need to investigate junkyard ordinances, and the state statutes permits related to this topic.

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson.** Wickson was not present for the meeting. The Select Board and the Budget Committee need to work on the next annual budget. They are asking for a list of projects of the current year for the budget committee and projects for next year's budget.

Wickson did send word that the salt account has gone through 1204 tons of salt this winter season. The amount of salt was anticipated to be under 1000 tons and the current budget is overdrawn by approximately \$14,000.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

Household Hazardous Waste satellite collections - Information will go to Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station meeting. The cost is paid out of Transfer Station account.

**New Business:**

The Scholarship Committee needs to have new members and someone (or more than one) willing to take on the responsibilities of Henri Arsenault who has served as secretary. This would include correspondence with schools, students and community announcements.

Runes reports she has started to put together the next budget. A substantial consideration is whether to implement more modules of the TRIO financial system. Some of the accounting practices are very manual, some with double and triple entry. A more automated process would be task and time efficient, more integrated with the modules we already use as well as easier to train new personnel. Each module of TRIO would have a set-up fee and annual maintenance fees. TRIO is used by many municipalities and the State for motor vehicle registration and property tax billing.

Runes suggested that the Select Board invite Lance Bean, our auditor to speak with Select board members? Bean can talk about what systems are used by other towns that he audits. Runes will look at the compatibility and cost of other software. Runes is considering retirement in December of 2020. Adopting more of the automation now would give her time to learn and train her replacement.

The laptop used by Town office staff will be coming out of the one year warranty period soon. An extended warranty is available. Select board members and office staff feel that it is not a necessary expense.

There is going to be a County tax commitment increase of 6% in the next budget. Last year the increase was 14%.

**Old Business:**

The generator was serviced by Flanders. They will price out a service contract.

Action Plan from MMA - roof work waiting for snow to be melted off

Septic Tank Pumping - will be scheduled in spring

Two new members have been appointed to the Planning board: Eric Austin as an alternate and Ralph Bennoch as a full member, both for three year terms. The motion of appointments was made by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton and voted.

Larry O'Rourke, Hinshaw and Haxton met with Mia Purcell from Community Concepts. Our board members involved want to form a committee to look at various combinations of fiber and broadband. Potential members might be those with an online business or commuters who may work some from home electronically. Purcell will hold an informational meeting to educate this new committee which hopefully will be form and ready to meet in April. Purcell asked for E911 maps. Runes suggested the address list from TRIO.

**Upcoming events:**

The next meeting of the Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station is set for March 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Buckfield Municipal Center. Joe Whitten from Apparel Impact will be attending to discuss the proposed textile recycling program.

A Pre-Construction meeting for the Heald and Fields bridge replacement projects will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 10:00 am at the Sumner Town Office.

A potential date for the Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, August 10, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: March 12, 2019