

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
June 25, 2019
6:00 Select Board 7:00 Informational BUDGET meeting

Members Present: Select board members Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart and Mary Ann Haxton. Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, School board member Charles Maddaus, and Susan Strout, secretary to the Select Board.

Public Present: Also present were Scott Holmes, RSU10 director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation; Micah Emery of Sunday Morning Farm, Ron Larrivee, Martha Elkin and Beth Maddaus.

The minutes from May 28th meeting were read, corrected and approved with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #24

Checks 13266-13293 \$21,141.37
Receipts #1218-1249 In the amount of \$47,823.15
2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,203,825.49 87.75%
2017-2018 Tax collection was 87.25%

Open Session:

Scott Holmes from RSU 10 shared a plan to reorganize the parking and drop off areas at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School. The plan has three lanes in front of the school: one for buses, one for parked cars, and one for drop-off only. No parking would be allowed across the street. That parking which is on private property creates many safety concerns with students and families crossing and parking on 219. The plans will be finalized soon in order for work to be finished this summer. Some concerns expressed were drop off students need to walk through parked cars, a gridlock in vehicles in times of a crisis response, and continued concern for the speed of the vehicles on 219.

Micah Emery from Sunday Morning Farm made a return visit to the Select Board with a marijuana legislative update. He had forwarded to the Select Board members articles on the current state laws, an amendment on the manufacturing, and the status of towns that have opted in (15 out of 455).

The Select Board has been asked to review Food Sovereignty for Sumner. Some residents have expressed as to what this is and how Sumner residents could benefit. It has also been asked if this is something that needs an ordinance. Bill Glass is willing to speak to the Select Board but he is unable to attend until July 23. The topic will be moved to the next agenda.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus reports that the school budget has passed. One issue that remains unsettled is the staffing of the libraries in the district. Through the budget process, one librarian position was eliminated. It was determined that the HSES librarian would move to a different school and a tech librarian would be at HSES. There was negative feedback from the staff and parents of HSES. The school board voted at the last meeting. The vote was 6-6 with one member missing. Another vote will be taken at the next meeting for a final decision.

CEO/LPI Report: not present

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson: information to be presented at informational meeting

Roads Chart

Proposed long-term budget

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Buckfield Rescue contract - a revised contract was prepared by Buckfield Rescue to be reviewed and signed by the Select Board members.

A retirement card was signed for Animal Control Officer Ozzie Hart.

New Business:

Town Report plans - Strout asked the Select Board members to forward to her any ideas for the cover photo, dedication and/or feature articles.

Susan Runes sent to the Select Board a request for the Town Office to be closed not only July 4, but also July 5 & 6. The affirming motion was made by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.

Old Business:

The Apparel Impact bin has been delivered and placed beside the connecting drive to the Post Office. Wickson said the location would need to be changed before plowing season.

Update on Broadband / Fiber : From the Budget informational meeting that followed Select Board.

A committee has been looking ways to improve internet service through wireless, fiber, and broadband. A company has an interest in working with us (Sumner, Hartford and Hebron) through RDA (Rural Development) to offer fiber to any community that wants Broadband. The RDA would be a loan that has no cost to us, just a service expense for the users. The \$10,000 in our town budget would be for education and implementation. If this deal with GWI doesn't happen then that money would be available to work with another company.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and voted. Following this meeting, an informational meeting on the town budget was held in the fire dept.

Upcoming events:

The nominations papers for the Select Board and the School Board positions are available and must be returned by June 26.

Workshop with boards from neighboring towns to discuss sharing services.
Buckfield Municipal Center, August 6 at 5:30 pm

Sumner Town Meeting will be on Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9 am at HSES.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: July 9, 2019