

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes**  
**September 10, 2019 7:00 pm**

**The Sumner Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:11- after Cooperative Services with other towns at 6:00 and the Buckfield-Sumner Transfer Station. The next meeting for both these groups will be on March 3 in Buckfield.**

**Members Present:** Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, School Board member Charles Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

**Public Present:** Alfred Lucas and Julie Bergeron of Lucas Enterprises, Beth Maddaus

**The minutes of the August 27, 2019 Select Board meeting were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.**

**Warrant #5**

Checks 13402-13440 \$164,180.74

Receipts #1348-1382 In the amount of \$128,710.49

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,266,333.29 92%

2017-2018 Tax collection was 92%

Stewart verified the warrant and Haxton verified the receipts.

**Open Session:** none

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus**

Maddaus updated the information from the last meeting stating that the new figure for the anticipated carry-over was up from \$400,000 to \$1,080,000.

Strout said that MDOT estimated it would be eight weeks until the speed feedback sign might arrive. Wickson is going to find out how easy it is to relocate the speed indicator from one location to another. He also expressed a concern that the curve at 219 and Greenwoods Rd might be a more important place to locate the sign due to the number of accidents at that intersection. The question was asked if there are any statutes that require warning lights for schools located on state highways. Maddaus said he would look into that.

Stewart made a motion to locate the speed feedback indicator at the intersection of 219 and Greenwoods Road. Haxton seconded and there was a unanimous vote.

Maddaus shared that the playground at the Hartford-Sumner elementary school was substantially renovated with a ribbon cutting ceremony next week. Two classroom teaching positions have not been filled as well as those of two Ed techs in special Ed and the library. The driveways are working out well and the sheriff has been making a presence since school opened.

**CEO/LPI Report:** not present

**Winter Roads : Andrew Wickson and Alfred Lucas**

When asked to evaluate last winter, Wickson described last winter as a challenge. The roads were not frozen yet when plowing needed to begin. Plus Bergeron added that so many of the storms had mist and freezing rain. These conditions increased the amount of sand/salt needed for safety.

Fewer people were noticed in the sand and salt piles located across the road from Lucas Enterprises. Many compliments were received over the course of the winter especially from residents who travel to work. Stewart reported that there were fewer car crashes over this last winter.

The Sumner Select Board has been asked to look for alternative places to locate the brush drop off/ pile. The brush that is taken in at the Transfer Station must go to a licensed place - currently Auburn at an expense of \$150 per round trip. AVCOG would be a good resource to see if there are other options for brush disposal.

In current road work, Wickson reports he is waiting for pavement on Tuell Hill; there will be blasting on Tuell Hill Thursday; and blasting on Valley Road (September 19 and 20).

Beth Maddaus reported on the current status of the Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance committee. The committee will be meeting on September 11 and 12 on the last sections of the ordinance. The fee schedule still needs to be determined as well as total number of permits, residency requirements of growers, set back requirements and what role the Code Enforcement officer might cover within the activities of this ordinance. The committee hopes to have a draft ordinance at the next Select Board meeting.

Tentative dates for the Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance committee's next dates are:

September 24: present ordinance to Select Board

October 8: Information available on Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance at Select Board mtg

October 22: Public hearing on Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

And in between these dates - advice and vetting from MMA; revisions

November 12: possible report of any revisions

November 26: Special Town Meeting and vote on Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

Appointments to the Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance Committee were signed by the Select Board members.

The Maine Municipal Health Trust required an update on full time employees' current salaries that needed to be signed by Select Board.

Forest operation - Dwight & Jacqueline Dwinal / Barrows Road (noted)

**New Business:**

Property Tax Relief 2020 : an act to return funds to Maine property tax payers - based on Homestead exemption holders

CMP Corridor - a resident has asked that the Select Board consider making a public statement of approval or disapproval for the CMNP corridor. Twenty-Two towns have already voted to oppose the corridor.

Solar projects in Maine - AVCOG would like towns to consider setting up solar sites.

Bureau of Motor Vehicle Workshops: October 23 Strout 9-11 Rumford / Runes 1-3 Norway. This training is presented annually with all the important updates that Clerks and Deputy Clerks need to know.

Mil rate for 2019 - Taking into consideration the town's total valuation, the amount of revenue sharing available to Sumner and the requirements of the budget, the Select Board will need to set the annual tax rate. Runes recommends a Mil rate of 20.35. This is up from the 19.3 rate of last year. The Select Board accepted this amount with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and vote. The Select Board will sign this commitment at the next meeting on October 8 with tax bills to be mailed on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Update on Broadband / Fiber - still waiting to hear results of loan application

Update Food sovereignty ordinance - none

**Adjourned:** at 9:00 pm with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and voted

**Upcoming events:**

September 24: Public hearing on Food Sovereignty ordinance at 6:15

Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance draft will be presented to Select Board

October 8: Food Sovereignty / Special Town Meeting and Vote at 7:00

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: October 8, 2019