

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes  
November 12, 2019 at 7 PM**

**Members present were Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, CEO John Evans, Town Clerk Susan Runes and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout. Kelly Stewart was not present.**

**Public Present: none**

**The minutes from October 22, 2019 were read and accepted with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.**

**Warrant #9**

Checks 13515-13547 \$151,999.97  
Receipts #1458-1496 In the amount of \$319,754.31  
2019-2020 Tax collected YTD \$382,653.84 = 26%  
2018-2019 Tax collection was = 28%

**Open Session:**

Haxton reported that Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance committee has not heard back from MMA. The Town Meeting and Vote is still scheduled for December 10 in the Fire Station. No additional posting of that meeting will be done besides, the website, email, the sign, newspaper, and postings at the Post Office and the Countryside Store.

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus not present**

**CEO/LPI Report: John Evans**

Evans submitted his resignation letter with notice of November 20 as his last day. The Select Board accepted his resignation. Evans will update on open cases on his last day. Currently, there are three cases.

50 Arthur Allen: needs to relocate trailer away from water and add septic system. Two certified letters have been sent.

37 Butterfield Rd: State electrical inspector is willing to attend plumbing inspection.

35 Front St: Evans has verbally encouraged resident to clean up yard.

Evans shared a name of one possible CEO that was mentioned by Bill Kennedy. Evans also revealed there is a list on the State's website of 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspectors that could work per diem. Hinshaw said he would check with Joe Roach of Buckfield for suggestions.

Evans would also like to have a write up of his performance evaluation that was completed in August. He reminded the Select Board that municipal CEOs are part of the State Fire

Marshall's department. Evans also said that a municipality can employ someone as CEO for 12 months without certifications.

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson**

**not present but reported** a section of Tuell Hill Rd has been paved and dirt roads will be plowed as little as possible until the ground is solidly frozen

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

Financial statements year-to-date: income slightly up but budget is increased  
Tree Growth Plan : Susan Ginger Gallin's plan signed  
Abatement to Heirs of Robert Farrar R15-018 signed (survey showed less acreage)

**New Business:**

The office computers will need to be updated to use with software upgrades. Runes will look into requirements needed. Runes suggested a motion to her to go ahead with research and purchase office computers. Haxton made that motion, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Runes will also be getting more information on the Trio / Sequel conversion.

A representative from ADN Internet/Telephone has asked to attend a Select Board meeting to describe the services available. This will be set up for the next Select Board November 26, 2019.

**Old Business:**

Budget 2019-2020 : staffing (To be discussed January 14 at 6 pm Select Board meeting)  
Update on Broadband / Fiber - still waiting to hear about loan.

Hinshaw reported on the AVCOG Planning Day. He attended workshops on Marijuana in Maine, drones, and several other topics.

**Upcoming events:**

**December 10:** Special Town Meeting and vote on Sumner Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance  
Select Board meeting 6 pm  
Town Meeting and Vote in Fire Station 7 pm

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm** with a motion by Hinshaw and seconded by Haxton.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: November 26, 2019