

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes**  
**January 14, 2020 at 6 pm - Office Staffing**  
**7:00 Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)- Personnel matter**  
**Regular Agenda after Executive session**

**Members present:** Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, CEO Fred Collins, School Board member Charles Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes, secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

**Public present:** Beth Maddaus, Nichole Hart and Jonathan Libby.

**The reading of the minutes of December 10, 2019** was postponed until the next meeting.

**Warrant #12**

**Signed December 21 with no Select Board meeting**

**Checks 13597-13612 \$68,964.86**

**Receipts #1554-1579 In the amount of \$66,260.70**

**2019-2020 Tax collected YTD \$1,015,832.45 = 70%**

**2018-2019 Tax collection was = 68.25%**

**Warrant #13**

**Checks 13613-13631 \$101,070.14**

**Receipts #1580-1605 In the amount of \$81,065.49**

**2019-2020 Tax collected \$1,074,651.84 = 74%**

**2018-2019 Tax collection was = 73%**

**Open Session:**

Nicole Hart and Jonathan Libby asked the Select Board for an explanation why the CEO was not signing the CMP form 1109 which is a certificate of compliance. Haxton explained that the form needed to be signed by the property owner. At this time, the property is still in the name of Eastman. There is also an installment contract with Maurice and Kelly Hart to purchase the property.

In addition to the title issue, Hart and Libby had been sent two letters from former CEO John Evans outlining three violations at their camper: no septic system, not enough set back from water, and no Building Notification. Evans investigated the residence after a resident complaint of a sewage smell near the camper.

Hart made it clear that she was not happy with the answers she was receiving from the Town Office staff. Haxton and Runes turned the focus on getting the property owner to either file papers at the Registry of Deeds that would officially transfer ownership OR have the Eastman's sign both the CMP service request and the Sumner Building Notification. Collins explained the Building Notification process which includes a checklist of requirements. He also said he could work through the list with them if they have questions.

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus**

Maddaus reported that a teachers' contract had been approved for three years. The budget has a surplus currently since several positions were not filled at the beginning of the school year. The school Board is looking to use that money for summer salaries .

In other school news, the building project for the new Rumford elementary school now has a committee and they have hired Harriman and Associates as the architect. Also, Mtn Valley is looking at participating in the new 8-man football program.

**CEO/LPI Report:**

New CEO/LPI met with The Select board immediately before the meeting to clarify duties and responsibilities and compensation. An official agreement will be created and ready to be signed at the next meeting. Collins presented an AVCOG memo on MUBEC. Select Board members have been asked to review before the next meeting. Collins also recommended that the Town should require an occupancy permit for residences.

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson**

Not present. Report: NO snow plowing across the road is allowed because an icy ridge can be left in the road.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

The Tree Growth plan of Tim and Candace Porter, R5-18 was signed.

The General Assistance quarterly report was signed.

MMA Important dates were given to Haxton

Oxford Hills Technical School Tech Challenge invitation presented to Select Board members

**New Business:**

A representative of FirstLight has contacted the Town Office with an offer to connect the Town Office to FirstLight fiber for internet. The offer matches what FirstLight has worked out with the Hartford Town Office as a grandfathered fee from Oxford Network. The offer is a monthly cost of \$80/month with a one-time \$99 installation fee. Questions were asked about contracts, length of time available and timing of installation. At the end of discussion, Haxton made a motion to accept the offer dependent on questions answered, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Prior to the Executive Session with Fred Collins, the Select Board members met with Susan Runes to discuss possible configurations to staff the Town Office upon her retirement. The possibilities discussed were all with two staff members with several options for how the duties might be divided. This discussion will continue at 6:00 on January 28<sup>th</sup>, again preceding the Select Board meeting.

Strout reported that a large campaign sign has been put up on Highway 140 in Butterfield Estates. The resident was questioning if there was a limit as to how big a campaign sign can be or the length of time it can be displayed. With the sign up on private property, the Select Board feels that none of those restrictions apply.

**Old Business:**

The Town Office is still waiting for the delivery of two new office computers. The arrangements have been made to add module to be added to the TRIO computer system. This module, named SQU (sequel) has not been delivered yet either.

**Upcoming events:**

Rabies clinic will be held January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. The fee will be \$10.

The 30 day notices of impending 2017 Tax lien forecloses will be sent out February 3, 2020. Runes says that there are 24 properties in this category which seems to be more outstanding this year than in past years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

**January 14, 2020 minutes**

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: January 28, 2020