

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
January 28, 2020
6 pm - Office Staffing
7 pm - Regular Agenda

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout

Public present: Ingrid Eriksson and Melissa Hood

The minutes from December 10, 2019 were read and accepted with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

The minutes from January 14, 2020 were read and accepted with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.

Warrant #14

Checks 13632-13666 \$52,886.82

Receipts #1606-1627 In the amount of \$38,631.10

2019-2020 Tax collected \$1,092,142.66 = 75.25%

2018-2019 Tax collection was = 76%

Open Session:

Ingrid Eriksson spoke to the Select Board about several program used in area communities to connect senior citizens with volunteers who can help with chores, errands, transportation and other needs. AARP has a program called Age-Friendly Communities. Other programs such as Next Door and Seniors Plus offer some of the same services. The Select Board members suggested that a committee be formed to look into what might work best in Sumner. It was also suggested to possibly form a partnership with other neighboring towns.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus not present

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Collins not present

The members of the Select Board signed a Letter of Agreement with CEO/LPI Fred Collins.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Wickson not present

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Abatement - Beverly Corson Parsons - Signed by Select Board

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation inviting Sumner to sign up for a radar speed trailer loan program. The program allows towns to borrow a speed check trailer for a two week period. Strout will contact DOT to add our town to the list. This trailer is a different program from the long term speed indicator that we should receive this Spring.

The Select Board received a letter inviting Sumner to select a person or group to honor with the Spirit of America Tribute. The Select Board chose not to participate.

Runes presented month end financial statements for December.

New Business:

The FirstLight internet fiber offer has been accepted for the Town Office. In several months, fiber will come from the street to the Town Office Building at a 30/30 rate. The cost is significantly lower due to a grandfathered fee from the time when Oxford Network changed to FirstLight.

Haxton attended a meeting on the GWI broadband project and the USDA loan/grant program. The towns involved are Hebron, Hartford and Sumner. The announcements of the awards will be made Thursday.

Office staffing discussions continued at a 6 pm meeting with the Select Board members and Susan Runes. The next meeting will be held at 6 pm before the next Select Board meeting.

Old Business:

Office computers / TRIO SQL - the new computers have not been delivered yet. TRIO upgrades will wait until after the computers are set up.

Upcoming events:

Residents who have not paid off their 2017 Tax lien by February 1st will be sent 30-day notices of foreclosure on February 4th.

The presidential primary and referendum vote will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm.

The Democratic presidential caucus will take place March 8, 2020 at the Sumner Town Office. The caucus will begin at 2 pm with the doors opening at 1 pm.

January 18, 2020 minutes

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: February 11, 2020