

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
July 28, 2020 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Planning Board member James McCarthy, Town Clerk Susan Runes, secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout. Road Commissioner Andy Wickson joined the meeting.

Public present: none

Reading of the minutes from July 14, 2020 - pos

Warrant #2

Checks 13884-13902 \$17,172.46

Receipts #1914-1928 \$38,434.79

2019-2020 Tax Collected \$1,305,262.07 = 90%

2018-2019 Tax Collection = 89%

Open Session:

Notices of impending tax liens for 2019 taxes will go out Wednesday, August 12, 2020

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Not present

Hinshaw asked about the election results for the school budget.

Sumner – voted against by 50

Hartford – voted for by four

Hanover – voted down by just one

Buckfield – voted for

Mexico – voted for

Rumford – voted for

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Update on Hart compliance letter – Arthur Allen Road

Fred Collins not present. McCarthy was to support Collins in presentation about Hart.

The action from the Planning Board was to ask permission of Select Board to serve the letter to the Harts by the Oxford County Sheriff's office.

Hinshaw makes motion to send letter, seconded by Stewart and voted. The time frame was noted as two weeks if not before and then a time frame of response of 2 weeks from date served. The letter will also state the range of fines that Select Board can charge. The letter will be sent to the two parents so two letters will be served.

Discussion of occupancies permits as well as MUBEC standards are moved ahead to next meeting.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

CMP poles going in on Greenwood Road

Tree work will start on Bonny Road

Ditching Black Mtn Rd and Labrador Pond Road

Lower Sumner Hill – hill portion

Paris Hill Rd – culverts to replace bridge.

Bonney Road ditching late in summer

Andrews Road bridge – needs planking. Will need to close for one day. Will talk to fire department about rescue plan for that day.

May also be house on Andrews Road that did not submit BN and is too close to road.

Decided on 6:00 Roads Committee meeting and 7:00 Select Board meeting.

The Roads committee meeting will be held on August 25. Tom Standard's letter will also be discussed at that time. Wickson feels Standard's numbers are very low and would not cover expenses. Committee will look at Wickson's 6 year plan that was presented last year. Wickson will gather information for a hand out to scan and distribute.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Tax abatement (Emery) will be signed by Mary Ann

Engagement letter with Hoisington & Bean signed

Contract for mowing municipal lawns and cemeteries – revised. Will be signed again.

New Business:

The search for someone to mow at 126 Main Street continues. Hinshaw has made some inquiries about people to mow. He will follow up with Tom Bragg and Dick Wiken. We may need to ask other contacts.

Town Meeting will be held on August 11 6 pm at the Elementary school. We will need "seaters" to make sure folks are six feet apart. We will need tables for select Board members, ballot clerks, ballot box and moderator. A thorough discussion of having the Town Meeting inside or outside school came to a conclusion to stay with the decision to meet inside the gym.

Finance/Clerk position hired. Sherry Sullivan will start on the Town Office on August 4, 2020.

Old Business:

The Boston Post Cane will be announced at Town Meeting. The next recipient will be Vernon Bradeen. Hinshaw will gather personal information and a presentation will be made in the fall.

For an update on Broadband and Fiber, Haxton attended a broadband boot camp and the Broadband group will be meeting on July 29th.

A Select Board meeting will be held immediately after the Town Meeting.

Adjournment took place at 8:25 with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart, and voted.