

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
July 23, 2019 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Mary Ann Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, CEO John Evans, secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public Present:

Micha Emery, Bill Glass, Ron Larrivee, Mandy Shorey, and Randy Lego

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from July 9, 2019

The minutes were read, corrected and approved with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #2

Checks 13328-13347 \$19,047.89
Receipts #1273-1299 \$46,878.4
2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,223,135.95 89%
2017-2018 Tax collection was 89%

Open Session:

Several residents were present to support food sovereignty in Sumner. Food sovereignty allows for food products to be sold with the exception of meat and poultry by residents. These products can be purchased by any one. A committee will be formed to write an ordinance which will be presented at a Select Board meeting with an informational meeting, a special hearing and then a citizen vote. Buckfield already has an ordinance.

Stewart made a suggestion that we have a flier at town meeting. Haxton made a motion to support a food sovereignty committee be formed, Hinshaw seconded and it was so voted.. Dates will be set for September 10th or 24th. The vote can take place 45 days after draft ordinance.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus - not present

CEO/LPI Report: Evans updated the compliance of 144 Upper Sumner Hill Rd to the junkyard clean up. The time agreed on for clean-up has just passed on July 15. Evans reported that and they are at approximately 90% compliant. There was a motion by Hinshaw not to move ahead with legal action, to eliminate the fine, and to have on going random checks. Evans will send a follow up letter. Stewart seconded and all voted in favor.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson - not present

Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) - Strout will work with Wickson on this paperwork. Annual Town Meeting - MAPS and Q&A: Strout suggested a meeting with Road Committee and Wickson to prepare for Town Meeting. The Select Board members felt as long as the maps and Wickson are at the Town Meeting that another meeting is not needed.

The Select board usually has a meeting with those who work on roads in winter. Alfred Lucas and Wickson will be invited to the Select Board meeting on Oct 8.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

MMA Annual Election ballot: Discussed but not signed.

Auditor's engagement letter: signed

New Business:

Food sovereignty - see above

Town Report: has been sent off to the printer

The Straw Poll at Town Meeting to learn how residents feel about the opt-in to marijuana cultivation in Sumner is all set with moderator Terry Hayes. This conversation and opportunity for residents to speak will be at a time while paper ballots are being counted. This will not be a time for questions and answers. If residents seem in favor, an ordinance will be written with informational meetings, special hearings and a citizen's vote. Written comments or questions can be turned in for the Select Board to review. Supplies for residents to write will need to go to Town Meeting.

Old Business:

An MMA Planning Board workshop on July 30 in Bethel will be attended by several members of Planning Board, CEO Evans and Susan Strout.

Haxton reported that the Maine West Region group will meet on July 25 on Broadband / Fiber.

Upcoming events:

Workshop for Planning Boards - MMA

Bethel, July 30 4:30-8:30

Workshop with boards from neighboring towns to discuss sharing services.

Buckfield Municipal Center, August 6 at 5:30 pm

Sumner Town Meeting will be on Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9 am at HSES

Straw Poll at Town Meeting: Opt-in to marijuana cultivation

Town office will be closed for Town Meeting

Legal update on Recreational Marijuana Workshop - MMA

Saco - August 21 2:00- 4:40

Town Office will close at 11:30

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Saturday, August 10 due to Town Meeting (Hartford-Sumner Elementary School 9 am)

Wednesday, August 21 - Closing at 11:30 am

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 with a motion from Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: August 13, 2019