

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
August 27, 2019 7:00 pm
6:30 Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)-
Personnel matter

Members Present: Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, Kelly Steward, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public Present: School Board Representative Charles Maddaus, Beth Maddaus, Ron Larrivee and Bill Glass.

The Minutes from the August 13th meeting were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.

Warrant #4

Checks 13379-13401 \$96,362.19

Receipts #1329-1347 \$8,743.72

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,235,854.26 90%

2017-2018 Tax collection was 90%

Open Session:

Update on Food Sovereignty Ordinance - Bill Glass

The Ordinance has been updated. Haxton made a motion to receive the ordinance, seconded by Hinshaw and voted. The state level legislation allows that residents of each town that has adopted a food sovereignty ordinance can have reciprocity to sell their products in another food sovereignty town. Tentative date for the public hearing is September 24 and October 8 for a special town meeting with a vote.

Update on Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance - Beth Maddaus

The committee has met three times. A charter has been written and signed by committee members. The charter will be forwarded to the Select Board members. The committee needs to look at each state requirement for cultivation and then determine if requirements in Sumner should be stricter. Other decisions to be determined are residency requirements, fees, setbacks, conditional licenses and pesticides.

More information is being posted on the MMA website. Strout will arrange for Beth Maddaus to have access to that information.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

School is starting this week. School Board representative Maddaus reports that there are still positions that have not been hired. The Finance Committee has a \$400,000 carry forward which may be used to address the issue of which fiscal year should be used to pay the summer salaries. The driveway in front of Hartford-Sumner Elementary school has been redesigned with three lanes and more parking spaces. Strout will inquire as to when the speed feedback signs will be available.

CEO/LPI Report: John Evans

The Select Board conducted Evan's annual review and he has been appointed for another year. Evans is currently working for Sumner, Canton and Peru. Communication with the Select Board, such as quarterly reports and overall numbers of appointments and transactions will help inform Office staff and Select Board members of current CEO/LPI activities.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Wickson has focused work on Tuell Hill with gravel and some blasting. Tree work will continue on Valley and Labrador Pond Road. The paving of Greenwoods Road may be complete. The new pavement is noted to be thin. The Bridge workers have both abutments in with a 4 foot culvert put in place. The bridge will be brought in built and will have a quick installation. The budget for winter supplies was reviewed.

The Winter Roads meeting with Wickson and Alfred Lucas is scheduled for the next Select Board meeting on September 10.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

A bid from Tom Bragg for mowing the old landfill was accepted.

A NIMS training schedule was presented. Stewart said that we are in compliance with the training she has received.

The appointment of Don Berry as an alternate member to the Planning Board was signed.

A motion was made for the members of the Marijuana Committee to be appointed by Haxton. This was seconded by Stewart and so voted.

New Business:

The alarm was set off on Wednesday, August 21st after the office was closed. Haxton received a phone call from the security company. The condition of the front door handle will be checked. Haxton will keep a log of the times that she receives calls from security company.

Old Business:

The update on Broadband / Fiber revealed that no decision has been announced about the grant. First Light is looking at what roads in Sumner they may consider for a 5G network. A line will be going into West Paris. Potential legislation on broadband will not be brought to Congress at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Upcoming events:

Town office will be closed Saturday August 31 for Labor Day Week-end

September 24: tentative date for Public hearing on Food Sovereignty ordinance at 6:15

October 8: tentative date for Food Sovereignty / Special Town Meeting and Vote at 7:00