

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
July 13, 2021; 7:00 pm (Zoom)**

Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Kelly Stewart, Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, Fire Chief Bob Stewart, Town Clerk Sherry Sullivan, Secretary Laurie Arsenault, Planning Board Members Don Berry and James McCarthy

Public present: Sharon Larson, Brian Larson, Steve Peters, Cathy Lowe, Alan McNeil, Jeremy Johnson, Micah Emery, Jonathan Leavitt, Pam Farrar, Mia Purcell, Wally Litchfield

Reading of the minutes from June 22, 2021 accepted with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #1		July 13, 2021	
Checks	14412 – 14420	\$82,730.51	
Receipts	#1 – 48	\$16,297.92	
2020-2021 Tax Collected	\$1,319,847.26		91.63%
2019-2020 Tax Collected	\$1,299,268.26		89.48%

Open Session:

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

A Letter of Appreciation for Charles Maddaus was signed; the Board of Selectmen reviewed letter and accepted with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton and voted. The message board will be updated to advertise the vacancy of RSU #10 School Board Representative for the Town of Sumner.

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

CEO had a conflict in scheduling and was absent.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Winter Roads Contract Bids

The Town of Sumner received two winter plowing contract bids, one from McNeil Farm/Johnson Excavation and one from New England Custom Builders.

McNeil/Johnson's bid was as follows **2021-22**-\$7,000 per mile, \$335,650.00; **22-23**-\$7,200 per mile, \$345,240.00; **2023-24**-\$7,400 per mile, \$354,830.00. Sumner Town roads will be divided between the two contractors. McNeil will plow 19.65 miles and Johnson 28.3 miles. McNeil stated that he has 18 trucks and will lease several to Johnson. Both contractors stated to have \$500,000.00 general liability insurance.

New England Custom Builders bid was **2021-22** \$7,650 per mile, \$366,756.00; **2022-23** \$7,900 per mile, \$378,742.00; **2023-24** \$8,150 per mile, \$390,727.00.

The Board of Selectmen accepted McNeil Farms/Johnson Excavation's bid with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and voted.

Road Commissioner Andy Wickson stated that the Andrews Road Bridge weight limit has been lowered to 8 ton per the direction of Maine DOT.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

New Business:

Planning Board members Don Berry and James McCarthy met with the Board of Selectmen to give a report on new construction on Valley Road that appeared to be within Shoreland Zoning restrictions. The property was evaluated by a licensed site evaluator; it is within regulations as it is 250 feet from the shoreline.

The Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance signatures were verified. The proposed ordinance does not require a public hearing. Approved for article in Warrant of Town meeting with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Stewart, Abstained by Hinshaw.

Dog Complaints – Allen & Bunce

Tammy Allen sent in a formal complaint detailing an incident on Damon Road. She has contacted the Animal Control Officer. Sullivan will follow up with Animal Welfare for clarification on procedures to move forward.

Old Business:

Updates on Broadband / Fiber – Haxton

The anticipated government funding for broadband is no longer available to the town of Sumner. Mia Purcell, Representative of Community Concepts, presented funding opportunities for the broadband project. She recommended the most feasible option would be to collaborate with Hartford and Hebron. Haxton will send out an email requesting a meeting to explore other funding options.

Upcoming events:

Office Closed - Friday, 7/16/2021

Annual Town Meeting, August 7th – Moderator, Ballot Clerks

The Planning Board will meet with the Board of Selectmen on August 24, 2021

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.