

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
November 9, 2021, 7:00 pm
TBD Rescheduled Roads Meeting at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7pm with a motion by Stewart.

Members present: Kelly Stewart, Ed Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Sherry Sullivan, Shawn Corson, Laurie Arsenault

Public present: Ben Aldean, Jonathan Leavitt, Nettie Gentempo, Jennifer Whittemore

Reading of the minutes from October 12, 2021, approved with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #8		October 26, 2021
Checks	14518 – 14531	\$75,074.72
Receipts	451 – 516	\$107,655.69

Warrant #9		November 9, 2021
Checks	14532 – 14545	\$136,516.47
Receipts	517 – 699	\$247,521.64

2021-2022 Tax Collected	\$265,831.66	18.38%
2020-2021 Tax Collected	\$298,715.60	20.74%

Open Session:

Andrews Road bridge – Ben Alden joined the meeting to express his concerns about the bridge that has been lowered to 8 tons; concerned that emergency and utility vehicles will not be able to safely pass.

Jennifer Whittemore inquired about putting gravel on Damon Road before snowfall. Haxton would like a timeline and plan of how the work will be executed.

RSU #10 Report: Jenifer Adams

Reported that RSU #10 has developed a bullying policy. A vote to implement a truancy policy for students that miss five consecutive days. If students are absent, a home check will be conducted.

Remote learning will be allowed if 5 or more students are absent in a class.

Rumford will be doing a vaccine workshop for students.

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

A resident expressed concern regarding a camping trailer across from 711 Main St. Code enforcement officer, Fred Collins, conducted a site visit and determined the individual has not submitted a building notification. Sullivan requested a notification from the resident and it will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Roads Report: Shawn Corson reported that all roads requiring repair this season have been attended to.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

New Business:

ARPA Funds will be used toward Broadband. Sullivan will follow up with MMA to discuss how the funds can be distributed if Broadband cannot be funded.

Livestock on Bonney Road has been loose 2-3 times per week. There is concern that the animals are not being properly cared for. Sullivan will contact the Department of Agriculture and Animal Welfare to discuss our options.

Several residents are concerned over the condition of Front Street in West Sumner Village. Sullivan noted that a formal written complaint will need to be received. Sullivan will follow up with the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss our options.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Interest – Farrell

Farrell called the office with concerns that due to mail not getting to her she had interest and fees on her taxes and asked if we could waive those fees. The Select Board approved this with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and voted.

Paris Select Board agreed to sell engine/tanker truck to Sumner for \$15,000.00 which will be paid over a 3-year period. Stewart will provide further details regarding the contract.

Ongoing issue with computer software has created a lag in transactions. Sullivan presented two options. 1) Purchase new computers or 2) purchase the Trio Web Hosting to remove the stored data from the hard drive. Office computers not to exceed \$7,000.00 budget. Approved with a motion Haxton, seconded by Stewart, and voted. Sullivan will determine and forward the options as they are received.

Old Business:

Updates on Broadband / Fiber – Haxton reported that Hebron has committed all their funds; unsure if GWI will provide funding. Sullivan will follow up with MMA to determine if the funds can be allocated to another expenditure if not utilized for Broadband. Haxton will provide further information regarding the required down payment required through GWI.

Upcoming events:

Joint Sumner/Hartford/Hebron Broadband Meeting – December 7th 5pm

Joint Sumner/Buckfield Solid Waste Committee – December 7th 6pm

Check to see if this can be moved to 6:30pm.

Public Works Study – November 23rd 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.