

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Select Board members Ed Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Road Commissions Andy Wickson, Fire Chief Bob Stewart, Susan Runes and Susan Strout.

Public Present: Eric and Kim Austin, Rebecca Elsmann, Steven Elsmann, Sr., Terry Hayford and Heidi Linscott.

The Select Board postponed reading of minutes of from the December 11th until the next meeting.

Warrant #12 (signed 12/22/18)

Checks 13007-13026 \$52,974.09

Receipts #871-892 In the amount of \$130,074.11

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$887,992.66 64.75% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 63.25% of the commitment

Warrant #13

Checks #13027-13044 \$103,204.74

Receipts #893-937 In the amount of \$110,142.80

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$970,598.28 71% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 73% of the commitment

The warrants were accepted with a motion by Hinshaw and seconded by Stewart.

Open Session:

Several people in attendance were interested in the discussion about the logging operation on Greenwood Road so that was moved up on the agenda. A concern had been expressed in the town office about the logging taking place on Greenwood Road being too close to wetlands. CEO John Evans was asked to look at the property. Evans met with Terry Hayford at the property. Evans determined that encroachment appeared to be very minor. Evans discussed with the logger how to identify the edge of wetlands including looking for the change in vegetation.

The agenda item of "Greenwoods Road curve" also brought residents to the meeting. The curve the Select Board focused on before was actually on 219 at Greenwoods Road . Andy Wickson has been in contact with Tim Soucy of MDOT. Soucy agreed with Wickson that illuminated signage would increase safety it is low on priority. The cost for a 36x36 sign would be \$2000-3500. Other suggestions were AVCOG may have funding. The accident reports kept at the county building may also be helpful in showing the need.

RSU #10 Charles Maddaus - not present

CEO/LPI: John Evans - not present

The concerns about logging on Greenwoods Road were addressed during the Open Session.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Bonney Road near Jeff Abbott's - commuter complaint (Cody Billings of Hartford) about a big pothole creating damage to his vehicle. Driver has been directed to speak with Wickson. This location was marked with cones were right after call. Wickson says more ditching will happen next summer and he will evaluate culvert. The current hole in the road has been worked on. Wickson also brought a page from the Municipal Roads Manuel which states municipalities are "immune from liability for accidents caused by ice and snow on streets.

Upper Sumner Hill Road - mailbox damaged by plow. Wickson reports he and Lucas Enterprises will put back up mailbox for John and Jessica Irving; although it is not usual for the town to take financial responsibility.

The next Roads Committee meeting will be held January 22. (Later changed to Feb 12)

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

The Building Notification form revised by the Planning Board was accepted by a motion by Henshaw and seconded by Stewart.

The documents reviewed were:

Bill Kennedy's activity sheet

Tree Growth Plan of Bayroot, LLC

Notices of harvest of David Hemphill and James Herrick

Permission for Transportation Department to bring overweight vehicles to construction site for Heald Bridge was reviewed and signed.

New Business:

The Select Board has received an email concerning an interaction at the Swap Shop. Henshaw will review correspondence with Joe Roach, town manager of Buckfield.

Fire Chief Bob Stewart reported a car accident on Greenwoods Road involving a school van. Scott Holmes director of transportation for RSU10 came and picked up the one student. The van driver was left to wait for tow truck in very cold conditions. Bob will speak to Charles Maddaus.

Chief Stewart also reported the fire department is at full staff with 15 member volunteers including the department's first female air pack trained volunteer. There have been several other training recently.

Old Business:

For the action plan from MMA insurance, the damaged studs in the salt shed have been replaced and materials have been purchased for the repair work that will be done by Eugene Lucas.

Haxton has contacted Flanders concerning a generator service contract.

Septic Tank Pumping will be scheduled for Spring.

There are still open positions on the Planning Board.

An interview for a position on the budget committee is set for Feb 12 at 6:00.
(Later rescheduled to 2-26-19)

The Tri- Town ambulance that was being considered to house in Sumner has been deemed not usable.

Upcoming events:

Rabies Clinic: Saturday, January 12, 10:00-12:00 Sumner Fire Station.

Staffed by Dr. Doucette of the Norway Veterinary Hospital, \$10.00 fee for each vaccine.

Please bring any former or current rabies certificates.

The Select Board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 with a motion by Stewart and a second by Hinshaw and voted.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: January 22, 2019