

Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda
May 14, 2019 7:00 pm
following
Roads Committee Meeting at 6:00

Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)-
Personnel matter at end of agenda

Members Present: Select board members Ed Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton and Kelly Stewart, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson, CEO John Evans, School Board member Charles Maddaus, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public Present: Beth Maddaus

The minutes from April 23, 2019 were read and approved with amendments by a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.

Warrant #21

Checks 13216-13240 \$87,185.79

Receipts #1143-1177 In the amount of \$40,154.30

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,176,207.23 86% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 86% of the commitment

Open Session: none

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus reported that the school budget has been approved by the School Board. The special newspaper with all of the budget information has been delivered.

Upcoming meetings:

May 15 - informational meeting at BJSJH at 6:30

May 22 - annual budget meeting to vote on school board budget

June 11 - Referendum on school budget at voting locations (Sumner Town Office)

Sumner's responsibility will have a .526 increase.

Linda Andrews, GT teacher at BJSJH and HSES has been awarded Teacher of the Year for Oxford County.

Some students from BJSJH are attending the National History Day at the national conference in Washington, DC.

RSU #10 will have a meeting about the front driveway at HSES, concerning the front driveway, parent drop-off and the safety of students entering and leaving the school. Lighted warning signs are proposed as well as tree removal in front of the school to create parking. Haxton requested that the school department present their plans to the Select Board before they are finalized. Wickson said the plan would have to be viewed by MDOT too.

Maddaus reported there are 106 Sumner students. A discussion followed as to what would be

needed to change from being part of RSU10 to paying the tuition for our students to attend in another district. Long term analysis will need to be undertaken to understand the advantages and disadvantages.

CEO/LPI Report: John Evans

John Evans reported that a letter with a 60 day deadline has been prepared for the residents of 144 Upper Sumner Hill Road. Haxton made a motion for the Select Board to sign this letter. The motion was seconded by Hinshaw and so voted. The Select Board signed this letter and it will be hand delivered and signed by resident and Evans. The fees assigned can only be changed by the court. If this situation goes to court, the Select Board will need to be ready to answer what remedy the town would want (if the Judge asks).

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

The Roads Committee met just prior to the Select Board. The committee will work out a long term plan for future road work including tree work and ditch work. A spreadsheet will be created to list road conditions and priorities that will be discussed over the next few Select Board meetings. Wickson suggested that an informational meeting concerning roads should be held for our residents.

All road postings are down. Grading will follow as weather permits. Other road work to follow will be crushed rock on Tuell Hill and gravel on Damon Road.

Bridge work may need to be looked at in terms of capital improvement.

The metal building that is located inside the town storage building needs to be evaluated for possible future uses.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

A rough draft of the Buckfield Rescue contract was handed out for review. The rough draft needs dates filled in and more spaces for the Select Board members to sign.

Letters/ calls from concerned residents are reported to the Select Board. The office has received an anonymous letter about Railroad Drive and landscaping that is changing the flow of the stream. Evans will follow up.

New Business:

A meeting date has been set for the Sumner Annual Town meeting : Saturday, August 10 at 9:00 am at the Hartford Sumner Elementary School. The date was set with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted. An informational meeting concerning the budget (including Roads and Broadband issues) needs to be scheduled to prior to the Town Meeting.

The deputy Animal Control Officer did not show up to discuss changes resulting from Ozzie Hart's upcoming retirement.

Sumner Budget Committee met on Wednesday, May 8 recommending that the Roads Budget be increased from \$160,000 to \$210,000. This recommendation and the increases in other accounts will force an overall budget increase of approximately 6%.

The requests for bids for the annual town report have been sent out. All bids will need to be back to the town office by June 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Old Business:

Repair work has been done on the entryway roof. The roof work and repairs in salt shed need to be inspected. Haxton will be in contact with the carpenter.

Septic Tank Pumping - Location of the septic tank will be looked at by Nickerson's. Haxton will connect with them.

Update on Broadband / Fiber

The location of Textile Bin still needs to be decided. Hinshaw will contact company to set date for a meeting.

After the executive session for a personnel matter, Haxton made a motion for continuing Strout's employment with the same number of hours with a \$.50/hour increase in the hourly rate. This motion was seconded by Stewart and voted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Upcoming events:

Nominations papers for Select Board and School Board positions available May 15. Papers need to be returned by June 26.

Zadoc Long Library Used Book Sale at Annual Spring Sale at the E Sumner Congregational Church, Saturday, May 18th 9-2.

Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 at the Buckfield Town Hall.

The Sumner Town Office will be closed on Saturday, May 25th as part of the Memorial Day weekend.

May 14, 2019 minutes

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: May 28, 2019