

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes  
March 9, 2021 7:00 pm (Zoom)**

**Following two Executive Sessions per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)-  
on Personnel Issues scheduled at 6:00 and 6:30  
for job performance evaluations**

**Members present: Kelly Stewart, Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, Town Clerk Sherry Sullivan, Road Commissioner Andy Wickson and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.**

**Public present: none**

**The minutes from February 23, 2021 were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton and voted.**

<b>Warrant #17</b>	<b>March 9, 2021</b>		
<b>Checks #14262-14281</b>		<b>\$95,368.27</b>	
<b>Receipts #1048-1122</b>		<b>\$56,568.49</b>	
<b>2020-2021 Tax Collected</b>		<b>\$1,202,475.54</b>	<b>83.48%</b>
<b>2019-2020 Tax Collected</b>		<b>\$1,200,737.52</b>	<b>82.70%</b>

**Open Session:**

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus**

Maddaus emailed to say he was not able to attend the school board meeting so therefore there is no report.

**CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins**

**Not present and no report. Stewart will check in with Collins.**

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson**

Wickson would like to know if AVCOG is still offering joint purchasing. Strout will call.

Stewart has created a rough draft of the winter roads contract. Wickson will provide the mileage of roads plowed and mileage of roads maintained. The contract will be finalized at the next Select Board meeting.

Wickson and Stewart are planning to take a look at the Road Ordinance to see what revisions are needed. The revised ordinance will need to go to the Town Meeting.

A pavement preservation training via Zoom (public officials and road commissioners) is being offered by Maine DOT. No one will be attending from Sumner.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

We have received a pole permit filed by FirstLight for new pole on Fields Hill Road. One Select Board member needs to sign. Most of FirstLight service on Fields Hill is underground so they probably will be putting up more

**New Business:**

The Boston Post Cane will need a new recipient with the passing of Vernon Bradeen. Ellery Corson (8/23/1925) and Morris Tucker (11/12/1927) are the oldest know residents now. The Board would like to make the presentation at the Town Meeting in August.

**Old Business:**

Potential upgrades to Fire Station – Hinshaw  
No information at this time

126 Main Street – The Purchase and Sale agreement has been extended again. MMA suggests we speak to a real estate attorney. Sullivan questions if we should just stick to the Quit claim deed and put it back on the market. She also predicts that we would get less money for the sale. Stewart made the motion that we offer it up as a quit claim deed only. Haxton pointed out we are still under a signed contract until April 7. Stewart's motion was revised to reflect that by April 7<sup>th</sup> if there is no resolution with the current interested party, the property will be put back on the market offering only a quit claim deed. Seconded by Haxton and voted unanimously.

Still 14 people on the list for

Updates on Broadband / Fiber – Haxton  
Nothing new. Strout has posted information on the website.

Meetings: Zoom vs in-person

Stewart asked if Strout could also set up the zoom meetings for the Select Board. Strout agreed. Haxton shared that people who are totally vaccinated can meet together. The format for the current time will be hybrid with people able to attend in person socially distanced or by zoom. This plan will be reevaluated at the first meeting in April.

The executive session on the personnel job evaluations has been moved to March 23 at 6:00.

At 8:03 Stewart made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

**Upcoming events:**