

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda**

**June 11, 2019**

**7:00**

**Members Present:**

Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart, Andy Wickson Road Commissioner, and secretary for the Select Board Susan Strout.

**Public Present: none**

**The minutes from May 28, 2019** were read and accepted with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Stewart and voted.

**Warrant #23**

Checks 13254-13265 \$85,089.39

Receipts #1206-1217 In the amount of \$8385.92

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,185,899.38 86.25%

2017-2018 Tax collection was 86.25% of the commitment

**Open Session:**

**RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus**

It has been reported to us that cuts were made in the budget LAST NIGHT (the night before the voting date). Hinshaw will find out if cuts were made, if the bottom line was changed, and if any attempt was made to convey changes to public.

**CEO/LPI Report:**

**Roads Report: Andrew Wickson**

Roads: An informational meeting will be addressed in New Business as to how to prepare our residents for voting on the budget during the annual town meeting.

A make-shift bridge has been created over the barricades to the bridge on River Road for ATV or snowmobile use. Wickson will find out what implications there might be for future use of the bridge if the bridge is taken down at this time.

A letter was received from a resident about speed concerns on Gammon Road. Wickson will look at what the speed limits are and where they increase and decrease. Wickson suggests the resident could find out times the resident is aware of the speeding vehicles.

Wickson has graded parts of Damon Road. The lower River Road was graded at the request from someone doing logging. Work on the Redding Road bridge will start after July 4.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

The draft of Buckfield Rescue contract was presented to the Select Board. Questions were raised about Sections 4 and 7 concerning the population size / annual expense of the contract. Buckfield Town Manager will look into wording on the contract.

State Valuation and Sales Ratio (preliminary) statements were presented to the Select Board. Hinshaw asked if we have past years for comparison.

Appointment papers for Roni-Sue Vachon in the position of Animal Control Officer were signed.

Town Report Bids were due by June 11 and were opened at the Select Board meeting. The bid was awarded to the Snowman Group. The Town Reports for the past few years have been printed by this same company.

**New Business:**

The Budget Committee has suggested that an informational meeting concerning the budget would be helpful for residents to understand what the warrant articles are before the Annual Town Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Increased budget lines for roads/bridges and broadband issues may need explanation before the town vote. June 25 at 7:00 with the Select Board meeting at 6:00 is the proposed time.

Informational meeting(s) for budget, roads and broadband issues scheduled for June 25. There is a proposed \$10,000 budget line to be added to the budget to explore broadband and fiber plans and grants. The town might be eligible for one grant if there are 20 farms and 15 businesses that use internet services as part of their businesses.

The retirement of Ozzie Hart as Animal Control Officer was on June 1, 2019. The Select Board will sign and send a card.

Joe Roach, Buckfield Town Manager has proposed a meeting focused on potentially coordinating services - Sumner, Hartford, Buckfield and maybe including Hebron. Services to consider are Code Enforcement Officer, Transfer Station, etc. A proposed meeting date is Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Buckfield Municipal Center.

**Old Business:**

Update on Broadband / Fiber : Haxton and Hinshaw continue to work with Mia Purcell and a few residents to explore a grant opportunity for Sumner to work with GWI to provide better internet services.

The textile bin will be delivered June 18, 19, or 20. Strout will contact Apparel Impact for a brochure to describe the company and appropriate materials for donation.

**Upcoming events:**

The nominations papers for the Select Board and the School Board positions are available and must be returned by June 26.

Sumner Town Meeting will be on Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9 am at HSES.

**At 8:12 Hinshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stewart and voted.**

**June 11, 2019 minutes**

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: January 2, 2019