

Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda
August 13, 2019 7:00 pm
6:45 Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)- Personnel matter

The meeting was called to order by Select Board chair Mary Ann Haxton at 7:01. At the Town Meeting on August 10th, Ed Hinshaw was reelected to the Select Board. Charles Maddaus, who stood to nominate himself at the Town Meeting, was reelected to represent Sumner on the RSU10 school board.

Members Present: Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw, Kelly Stewart, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public Present: Micah Emery, Jonathan Leavitt, Mandy Shorey, and Ron Larrivee

The Minutes from July 23, 2019 were read and approved with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #3:

Checks 13348-13378 \$122,904.53

Receipts #1300-1330 \$31,007.48

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$1,233,530.61=90%

2017-2018 Tax collection = 90%

Open Session:

Food sovereignty: Larrivee brought a sample of an ordinance from the state. A draft of and a food sovereignty ordinance for Sumner was also presented and some information to give to those interested in learning more about this topic.

Residents who are willing to service on this committee are: Bill Glass, Mandy Shorey, Ronald Larrivee and Lori Hand. Larivee also asked that the formation of a committee be put on town email, website and sign.

Haxton makes a motion to appoint Glass, Shorey, Larrivee and Hand to a food sovereignty ordinance committee. This was seconded by Hinshaw and unanimously voted. The committee will have a draft ready for the Select Board on August 27th. The ordinance will go to an informational meeting and then a vote. The tentative date for the public hearing is set for September 24 at 6:15 and the resident vote on October 8.

The Marijuana Cultivation opinion cards from the Town Meeting were read aloud and counted. There were 31 cards, with 26 expressing yes to the committee; 4 expressing no and 1 that was unclear. Hinshaw also shared some opinions he informally collected from the Ladies' Auxiliary meeting : 2 yes, 4 no and 2 blank.

Hinshaw recommended that the committee be comprised of two people for the ordinance, two against and one neutral opinion. Stewart did not want the committee to be limited in this way and suggested it be open to any opinions. Runes made the suggestion that the committee be five individuals.

Several residents said on their comment cards that they are willing to serve on this committee, including Beth Maddaus, Bob Runes, and Jessica Badone. Don Berry also volunteered. A date of August 20 at 6:30 was set for the first committee member. Haxton will also attend the meeting.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus not present due to school contract negotiations

CEO/LPI Report: John Evans

Not present

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

2018 Bridge Inspection Report was received the bridges: Andrews Rd, Chandler, Proctor

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Municipal Client Seminar - Portland 9-26-19 - information only - no one attending

Quitclaim Deed replacement - signed

Letter from Bruce MacEwan was read. His concerns are the people who come to the property next to him to reach "the Rock" and Labrador Pond. Hinshaw believes the only leverage is to threaten that pollution may shut down the pond. McEwan is also worried about forest fire. The property belongs to La Plant and McEwan has asked LaPlant to put up Private Property signs.

New Business:

A Workshop with neighboring towns was held on August 6 to discuss sharing some services. CEO has the highlighted service that could be shared in the future. Also discussed were Fire/Rescue, Broadband and Economic development.

Strout reported that Peter Coughlin from MDOT sent out an email saying that a number of solar speed feedback signs are being made available to rural communities in Franklin and Oxford County. Strout responded to the email to the positive result of at least one sign coming to Sumner when they are available. No particular time frame was revealed by Coughlin.

The mowing of the old dump site needs to be put out to bid. Runes will check with Hartford to see if anyone might need to be notified about the bid. Sumner and Hartford share the expense of that mowing.

Don Berry has been selected to join the Planning Board as an alternate member.

Old Business:

Update on Broadband / Fiber: The committee met with Community Concepts. There are some Adult Ed classes being offered in Turner and Oxford Hills. More information to come from GWI and from First Light. First Light may be purchased by another company.

Runes reported that approximately 150 30-day demand notices will be sent out on the 15th. There is a new law that senior citizens 65 and older with a homestead exemption can apply for a poverty abatement. This information is being sent out with the notices to those who might be eligible.

Upcoming events:

August 20 6:30 Planning Board meeting

6:30 Marijuana Cultivation committee

August 21 2:00- 4:30 MMA Workshop - Legal update on Recreational Marijuana - Saco

Town Office will close at 11:30

August 27 7:00 Select Board - Draft Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Executive session at 6:30 - Personnel matter

September 3 - Planning Board

September 10 - all at Sumner Town Office

6:00 Cooperative Services meeting with other towns

6:30 Buckfield-Sumner Transfer Station meeting

7:00 Select Board meeting with Winter Roads review

September 24: tentative date for Public hearing on Food Sovereignty ordinance at 6:15

October 8: Food Sovereignty / Special Town Meeting and Vote at 7:00

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING AT

11:30 on Wednesday, August 21 for MMA Workshop

AND CLOSED on Saturday, August 31st for Memorial Day weekend.

Minutes from the Select Board of August

13,2019 Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: August 27, 2019