

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Following the
Annual Town Meeting
Held in the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School gym

Town Meeting: Twenty-six members of the public attended in addition to the Select Board members, Town Office staff and moderator Terry Hayes.

All warrant articles passed as written and Mary Ann Haxton was elected again to the position of Select Board member.

Members present: Select Board members Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart and Edwin Hinshaw. School Board member Charlie Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes, new Town employee Sherry Sullivan and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Public present: Beth Maddaus, Lee Berry and Dorothy Hinshaw.

The reading of the minutes from July 28, 2020 was postponed until the next meeting

Warrant #3

Checks 13903-13925 \$108,408.55

Receipts #1890-1906 in the amount of \$36,467.97

2019-2020 Tax collected \$1,311,909.60 = 90%

2018-2019 Tax collected was = 90%

The thirty-day notices for the 2019 tax liens will go out August 12. These are sent by certified mail.

Open Session:

Sherry Sullivan was introduced. Sullivan has recently been hired to take over the positions of Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant to the Assistance Administrator as Susan Runes retires in December 2020.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus reported that the RSU10 budget passed on July 14. School board meetings are taking place with Zoom and Facebook Live. The focus has been on the decision whether students will be educated in-person, remotely or a hybrid and also when school will start. At this time, school will start Sept 8 and fall sports in mid-September.

Elementary students will attend 4 days a week with a shorter day. Jr and Sr High students will have in person learning 2 days a week and remote for 3 days. With local surveys, 25 % of parents say they don't want kids at school at all. Also about 30 staff members have concerns about in-person learning.

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Update on compliance letter – Arthur Allen Road. The letters were delivered to the Oxford County Sheriff's Department on Friday.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

No update

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

MMA Annual Election Ballot given to Select Board members

Appointment letters to be signed of Administrative Assistant to the Assistance Administrator,

New Business:

126 Main St. – assessment, mowing, plans

Moved to next meeting.

Old Business: also moved to next meeting

Boston Post Cane – Vernon Bradeen

Updates on Broadband / Fiber - Haxton

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: August 25, 2020