

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
February 25, 2020
6 pm - Office Staffing
7 pm - Regular Agenda

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, Town Clerk Susan Runes and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout. Kelly Stewart was not present due to illness.

Public present: Ingrid Eriksson

The minutes from February 11, 2020 were read and accepted with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Warrant #16

Checks 13684-13699 \$37,783.10

Receipts #1651-1675 In the amount of \$31,221.77

2019-2020 Tax collected \$1,175,858.74 = 81%

2018-2019 Tax collection was = 79%

Open Session:

Ingrid Eriksson brought to the Select Board an update on her preliminary efforts to launch a local group of AARP's Age-Friendly Community program. The informational email that was sent out from the Town Office prompted 5-6 individuals to contact Eriksson. She has also met twice with some people from Hartford who may want to join programs together from Sumner and Hartford. She also has a meeting scheduled with the Buckfield Select Board. The goal for the first year is to have an acceptance agreement with the Select Boards of area towns and to have residents complete surveys as to what services there are for seniors and what services would be useful to our residents.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus reported that school board meetings have consisted of department heads presentations featuring updates and expected future needs for next year's budget. Also, the health insurance costs may be increased. The Superintendent's evaluation has been completed and her contract has been extended another year with a 3% salary increase.

The concerns of the speeding on 219 in front of HSES expressed at the last meeting prompted Haxton to invite the superintendent of schools and transportation director to a Select Board meeting. The date will be determined and the Sheriff will be invited.

CEO/LPI Report - not present

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson - not present

Wickson sent an update that the roads are being posted.

Upcoming roads meetings were scheduled with Select Board members:

- Speed sign training - MARCH 18
- Wickson with Roads Committee - budget for next year - March 10 OR 24
- Wickson and Lucas with Select Board - set for April 28

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Runes distributed monthly financial statements.

Upcoming workshops and meetings include:

AVCOG General Assembly meeting, April 15, 2020 (Hinshaw)

Technology & New Energy Municipal Conference, April 28, 2020 (O'Rourke, Berry, Haxton)

NIMS 402 Training, March 4 - no one

New Business:

Questions were asked concerning the potential need for emergency preparations with coronavirus or other emergency / health concerns. Haxton suggested we set up a meeting with EMS/Fire Chief Bob Stewart to discuss contacts and possible needs. Strout will contact Stewart.

Old Business:

Updates on Broadband / Fiber

- FirstLight's offer to bring fiber into the Town Office was confirmed with FirstLight. The process has started with FirstLight workers trying to find where other wires come into the building. An alternative would be to run the wires overhead across the parking lot. There was a strong preference to have the fiber buried.
- GWI - no updates

Office Staffing - Runes met with the Select Board again at a 6 pm work session. The job application, job description, job ad and potential posting places were all discussed. An application deadline of April 7 is the set goal.

Office computers / TRIO SQL - no delivery yet because of component storages.

State Bicentennial promotion / involvement - Haxton made a suggestion that we tie in the GWI grant/loan acceptance to the bicentennial celebration.

Heat pump estimate from Eco Heat Maine - EcoHeat Maine (Arsenault's) visited the Town Office and will be sending estimates. Haxton will also contact REvision Maine and others.

The Select Board meeting was adjourned at 8:17 with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and voted.

Upcoming events:

Transfer Station meeting with Buckfield. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Buckfield Town Hall at 6 pm.

Presidential primary and referendum - March 3, 2020 - Polls open 8-8 at Sumner Town Office

Democratic Presidential caucus - Sumner Town Office, March 8, 2020 2 pm; doors open at 1 pm
Delegates and alternates for the Maine Convention will be selected.