

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
December 8, 2020 (Zoom)**

Members present: Kelly Stewart, Mary Ann Haxton, Ed Hinshaw, office staff: Susan Runes, Sherry Sullivan and Susan Strout

Public present: none

The meeting began at 7 pm

The minutes from November 24, 2020 were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton with two approving votes. Stewart abstained since she was not at the meeting of November 24th.

Warrant #11

Checks #14116 – 14147 \$ 92,855.17

Receipts 476 - 572 in the amount of \$215,332.70 2020 – 2021 Tax Collected \$961,243.02 = 66.74%

2019 – 2020 Tax Collected \$949,172.59 = 65.37%

Open Session:

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Not present, but Maddaus sent a report that the next RSU10 meeting is scheduled for December 14th. Governor Mills changed the Oxford County COVID-19 status to yellow making hybrid learning mandatory and extracurricular activities are cancelled. High School sports will have a delayed start of January 4th.

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Not present. Collins had a meeting scheduled with Maurice Hart last Friday to verify the state certified composting toilet. Hart cancelled. Collins has verified that the camper has been moved. Because the camper was moved, the 120 days of not having a building notification begins again with a start date of Dec. 1. Haxton will discuss with Collins if the Form 1190 Certification of Compliance should be signed.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Not present. Wickson called in to say he had no report.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Abatements: Soncrant, Goldberg, Starr, Barker – to be signed

Soncrant requested reevaluation

Goldberg/Brown – sale was only a few acres not the whole parcel

Starr/Barker – Mobile home mix up

Appointment of Sullivan to Town Clerk for a three year term– to be signed

Tree Growth plans for Barans and Piaseczny (formerly Barboza) - to be signed

New Business:

Sullivan stated the office staff is willing to have appointments for Town Office transaction as soon as procedures are worked out and case numbers being to drop. The targeted time for appointments to begin is January. Feedback will be reviewed at the January 12th meeting.

Old Business:

The property at 126 Main Street has entered a Purchase and Sale agreement. The potential buyer is looking to have a clear title. Because the property was tax acquired with a lien, the level of clear title can only be achieved with relatives of Newton signing releases.

After being notified that Kozy Kennels is unable to continue the stray dog and cat services for the Town of Sumner, staff members have sought alternative kennels. Responsible Pet Care in Paris stated they could not add another town to their responsibilities. Jean from Harvest Hill in Fryeburg says they could agree to take our strays for \$1 per capita from the 2010 census. Strout will check with Animal Control Officer Roni-Sue Vachon to see if that arrangement will work for her.

Updates on Broadband / Fiber with mailing

A mailing was sent out recently via bulk mail to all residents. The letter was to inform residents of the Broadband Committee and to encourage everyone to do an internet speed test.

Upcoming events:

No Select Board meeting, December 22, 2020

Town Office closed for Christmas, December 24 @ 12, 25 and 26

Lance Bean (auditor) at meeting January 12, 2021

Lance Bean from Hoisington and Bean will attend the January 12th Select Board meeting to review two audits: the fiscal year-end and the transition audit completed this month (December) to prepare for Sullivan stepping in as Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Postponed rabies clinic

Due to COVID-19, the rabies clinic usually held in January will be postponed until such a time when vaccinations can be completed on dogs and cats more safely. Rabies vaccinations are available through Tractor Supply on Sunday afternoons.

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: January 12, 2020

Mary Ann Haxton

Edwin Hinshaw

Kelly Stewart