

Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda
November 26, 2019 at 7 PM
6:30 Executive session per 1 M.R.S.A -405(4)- Personnel matter

An executive session was held from 6:30 to 7:05 for a personnel matter.
The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart, Edwin Hinshaw, Town Clerk Susan Runes

Public present: Doris (Dee) Newell and guest, William Sanders from ADN, Beth Maddaus, and Sarah Ray.

The minutes from 11-12-19 were read and approved with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Haxton and voted.

Warrant #10

Checks 13548-13566 \$44,824.53

Receipts #1497-1531 In the amount of \$555,958.35

2019-2020 Tax collected YTD \$856,385.71 = 59%

2018-2019 Tax collection was = 60%

Open Session:

Doris (Dee) Newell, 14 Biron Road, presented her tax history of the house she bought in September 18, 2017. The property was sold with unpaid taxes for 2017 and a foreclosure date of March 2020. Newell has paid the amount of taxes but she is unwilling to pay fees and interest. She contacted Paul Binette. Newell reported that Paul said he would get fees waived. Newell also said she did not receive the homestead exemption when she should have. Board members explained the timing of the April 1st cut-off date. Newell was invited back to another Select Board meeting. The Board will also write a letter to Newell reviewing the discussion of this meeting.

The Select board decided that no further interest will be added to Newell's 2018 lien after November 26, 2019 subsequent to the confusion in the information from her attorney dated 11-13-19. The current amount is \$297.27. Once this \$297.27 is paid, the lien will be discharged. At that time, Newell will only be responsible for the current 2019 taxes.

ADN Internet/Telephone - Bill Saunders attended the meeting to describe his business at ADN (Alliance Digital Networks). The Select Board did not feel these services were relevant to the Town's needs.

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Not present due to school board meeting on teacher contracts

CEO/LPI Report:

The Select Board met with Fred Collins as a potential CEO/LPI for Sumner. A motion was made by Haxton, seconded by Stewart and so voted to hire Fred Collins with the same conditions as were set up in the contract with John Evans. The appointment papers will be prepared and signed.

The Select Board has written a letter dated November 22, 2019 as a summary of John Evans' job performance as CEO/LPI in Sumner. That letter will be sent to Evans.

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Not present / No report

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

An abatement of taxes was signed for Cliff McNeil of Butterfield Estates for a trailer that was moved out before April 1, 2019.

New Business:

The resignation of Ralph Bennoch from the Planning Board was accepted by the Select Board. Eric Austin was selected to change from an alternate member of the Planning Board to be a full member with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Stewart and voted. Appointment papers will need to be prepared and signed.

The County Tax Assessment Survey was not available at the meeting so discussion was postponed to next meeting.

Old Business:

There was no update on broadband / fiber discussions. We are still waiting to hear from loan request.

Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance:

There has been no response from the legal team of MMA concerning questions sent to them concerning this ordinance. The town meeting warrant was available for the Select Board members to sign. The final ordinance was presented and certified by Select Board members. The vote will be on written ballots. The ballot box and voting materials will be prepared for the Town Meeting on December 10th.

Runes has gathered more information from Harris/Trio about what is needed to make the changes in the Town Office computers and software to make the conversion to SQL and add modules. The Town received a suggestion of Chris Sanborn of Harrison, ME for IT services. Sanborn is already hired by other communities including Norway, Jay, Newry, and Turner. Sanborn is able to do the set-up, conversion and upgrades, is available for service and troubleshooting.

Runes also presented some preliminary estimates for reorganizing the duties performed by the

Town Office into two 40 hour positions. Runes also recommends that the new person be hired July 1st to have enough time for training.

Hinshaw also updated the Board on a recent General Assistance case. A member of Lisa Kiem's office staff has stepped in to help our resident with continued temporary housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

November 26, 2019 minutes

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: December 10, 2019

Kelly Stewart

Mary Ann Haxton

Edwin Hinshaw