

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Agenda**  
**February 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
**Following the Roads Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm**

The Sumner Select Board was called to order at 7:00 on Tuesday February 12, 2019. The Roads Committee had met prior to this meeting at 6:00. See Roads Committee minutes below.

**Members present** for the Select Board meeting were Select Board Chair Ed Hinshaw and Select Board members Mary Ann Haxton, and Kelly Stewart. Also present were School Board member Charles Maddaus, Town Clerk Susan Runes, and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout.

Beth Maddaus was also present as a member of the public.

The Minutes from January 22, 2019 were read and approved with a motion by Haxton , seconded by Hinshaw and voted with a correction of wording.

**Warrant #15**

Checks #13069-13092 \$105,512.00

Receipts #968-1007 In the amount of \$136,611.12

2018-2019 Tax collected YTD \$\$1,101,289.81 80% of the commitment

2017-2018 Tax collection was 80% of the commitment

**There was no need for the open session.**

**RSU #10 school board** member Charles Maddaus reported that he attended an Appropriations Committee meeting with Kathy Breen Senator from Falmouth who serves on Appropriation Committee. Maddaus questioned Breen as to when the promised 55% funding of budget from the state would be in place. Maddaus did report that new governor Janet Mills talks about increasing money to education. Maddaus encourages the Select Board to have people testify toward bills in the state or before the Appropriations Committee or at other state hearings. He feels it would be a way to bring more concerns of our community to the attention of the law makers. Current information on legislative activity and bills is available in weekly publication called the Legislative Bulletin.

The school board report also revealed that a possible reorganization of the Meroby and Rumford elementary schools was discussed for only designated grades at individual schools. Another possibility mentioned is to move 5<sup>th</sup> grade from both schools to the middle school. RSU10 is now third on the state list to receive money for a new building. The school board also heard from a speaker from Oxford Hills Technical School who shared that 45% of the Oxford Hills high school took at least one class offered by the Tech School during the first semester of this year. In other news, the Resiliency project has received a grant from the Gorman Foundation to help with training staff members.

**CEO/LPI:** John Evans was not present at the meeting; however, he has sent a second letter to the residents of 144 Upper Sumner Hill Road concerning their automobile graveyard. After 68 days their fine has reached \$6,800. Haxton reported that she reminded Evans of the need for him to submit quarterly reports.

**Roads Report:** Andrew Wickson reported the obvious strain that this winter's weather has put on our roads. Snow banks are high, making visibility around them difficult. Holes and heaves have been caused by the weather and Sumner roads will be posted with heavy load limits in the next week. The sand/salt account has already been used for the entire year's budget.

**The Roads Committee** meeting which took place directly before the Select Board meeting prioritized the need to have an up to date Roads list which includes the category designation, condition of the road and what needs to be done to each road over the next 3-5 years. Former lists will be used by Susan Strout to create an updated spreadsheet. Wickson will verify the distances and evaluate the condition of each road. He will list his plans for tree cutting, ditching and paving or other maintenance. The condition of culverts will also be looked at as part of the ditching evaluation. Critical areas of concern will also be evaluated. Maine DOT or AVCOG may be able to supply other maps. This committee will also update the Roads Ordinance with current road information.

The dry hydrant on Highway 140 is difficult to keep clear of snow due to the guardrail. Fire Chief Bob Stewart spoke with Wickson about the space needed for a fire truck to get to the hydrant.

Jerry Douglas of All State Paving will be speaking with Wickson about road surfaces that may work more effectively. Douglas will be invited to a future Select Board meeting.

**Forms, Reports, Correspondence:**

The Select Board members signed a tax abatement for Roger and Elizabeth Downs after a reevaluation of their property at 106 Upper Sumner Hill.

Runes presented the January Financial reports. The only immediate concern is the salt budget which is part of the winter roads budget. That line is now over spent for the year.

**New Business:**

Notices of Foreclosure for the 2016 tax liens were mailed on February 1, 2019. These taxes need to be paid by March 12 to avoid automatic foreclosure by the state.

The Department of Transportation has asked to hold a meeting here at the town office on March 7, 2019 at 10:00. The meeting will be for contractors and others involved in the bridge projects. Wickson, Hinshaw and Haxton all plan to attend.

Haxton reports that she has been contacted by Mia Purcell, from Community Concepts Corp, to see if the Select Board would be willing to have Sumner participate in a Broadband pilot program. The Select Board members expressed an interest but need to find out what kind of expense the town would have to incur to continue the program after the pilot is finished. Also, suggestions were made of community members that might be willing to serve on a community for the project.

**Old Business:**

Action Plan from MMA: roof Gene Lucas ready to do work when ice and snow off roof.

Septic Tank Pumping – appointment will be made for Spring

Two residents have submitted letters of interest into serve on the Planning Board. Interviews will be set up for the hour before the next Select Board meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming events:**

The next meeting of the Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station is set for March 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Buckfield Municipal Center. Joe Whitten from Apparel Impact will be attending to discuss the proposed textile recycling program.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10 with a motion by Stewart, seconded by Haxton and so voted.

**February 12, 2018 minutes**

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: February 26, 2018