

**Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
November 24, 2020 (Zoom)**

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw, Andrew Wickson, Susan Runes, Sherry Sullivan and Susan Strout. Kelly Stewart was not present.

Public present: None

The minutes from November 10, 2020 were read and approved with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Hinshaw and so voted.

Warrant #10

Checks #14098 - 14115 \$55,298.65

Receipts 175 - 475 In the amount of \$630,839.36

2020-2021 Tax collected \$814,651.04 = 56.4%

2019-2020 Tax collected = 33.0%

Open Session:

no one

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus

Maddaus was not present but sent a report from Superintendent Alden concerning a positive case of Co-Vid at Mountain Valley High School.

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Not present

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson

Some new signs have been ordered including a few DEAD END signs as well as signs for Andrews Bridge which will drop the allowed tonnage from 30 to 20 tons due to the condition of the subterrain.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Appointments for the Broadband committee need to be signed. Also, Don Berry has asked to join the committee.

New Business:

Haxton attended a workshop on the Oxford County Budget on November 17. Haxton found it very difficult to hear the zoom meeting. In addition, the amounts for county services seemed to be already set without more discussion.

Changes for Town Office walk-in hours and appointment hours are still on hold with the current increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. Hinshaw strongly supported the governor's statement to require masks. Strout pointed out that the customers that do not have masks can still do their town business using the drop box. Haxton recommends our current office policy be posted on the door. The office staff has shifted to completing a resident's transaction at the

time they bring their paperwork to the office. The customer waits in their car without coming into the building. Haxton made a motion that there are no walk-in customers until numbers drop, and that our current policy will be posted on the door of the Town Office. Hinshaw seconded the motion and so voted.

A \$5000 Election Grant has been received by the Town Office. The Select Board needs to officially accept the grant. Haxton makes a motion to accept the grant and authorize the purchase of an "all in one" printer, seconded by Hinshaw and so voted.

The check issuance policy needs to be updated to give Sullivan the check writing authority that Runes currently holds. That paperwork needs to be signed by all three select board members.

Old Business:

Compliance letter from attorney to Hart - Arthur Allen Road
No information

A purchase and sale agreement has been signed for 126 Main Street. The buyer has put in a contingency of obtaining a clear title

No new animal rescue / kennel has been located.

Sullivan suggested closing the Town Office for the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. A discussion led to Haxton making a motion, which Hinshaw seconded with a unanimous vote.

Upcoming events:

Town Office closed for Thanksgiving, November 26, November 27 and November 28

No Select Board meeting, December 22, 2020

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

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Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: December 8, 2020

Mary Ann Haxton

Edwin Hinshaw

Kelly Stewart