

Town of Sumner - Select Board Minutes
April 14, 2020 7:00 pm With the use of Zoom

March 24 meeting cancelled

Members present: Mary Ann Haxton, Kelly Stewart, Ed Hinshaw, Town Clerk Susan Runes and secretary to the Select Board Susan Strout

Public present: none

The minutes from March 10, 2020 were read and accepted with a motion by Haxton, seconded by Stewart.

Warrant #18 - approved on March 24 by Select Board members

Checks 13723-13744 \$47,482.19

Receipts #1708-1734 In the amount of \$43,821.39

2019-2020 Tax collected \$1,217,057.01 = 84%

2018-2019 Tax collection was = 83%

Warrant #19 -

Checks 13745-13763 \$89,253.20 - has been corrected

Receipts #1735-1752 In the amount of \$165,942.99

2019-2020 Tax collected \$ 1,228,609.54 = 85 %

2018-2019 Tax collection was = 84 %

Open Session:

none

RSU #10 Report: Charles Maddaus - not present

Meeting concerning speed safety at HSES postponed to unknown time

School district budget - no update from Maddaus

CEO/LPI Report: - not present

Land transfer from Eastman to Hart/Stevens

Correspondence regarding CMP pole

Roads Report: Andrew Wickson - not present

Bridge reports - Andrews Road bridge condition is a concern. Reports will be forwarded to Select Board members.

A resident has called the office to inquire if the lighted speed indicator signs would be going up soon. The state has delayed those projects until the end of the declared crisis.

A resident sent an email to the office and a call to Wickson asking that the culvert at 219 and Bonney Rd be unplugged. Wickson let us know that the culvert is located on the state road. He will contact them with the concerns.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Application for eligibility to receive Federal surplus property will need to be signed through scans/emails.

Flanders Electric was asked to send us a quote for service contract. Three options were included. Haxton is calling to get some clarification and the discussion will continue at the meeting.

March financial reports were presented by Runes. Revenues are down due to the minimal registrations and licenses that have been issued through the Town Office.

All scheduled MMA and AVCOG workshops and conferences have been cancelled or postponed.

New Business:

2017 Tax Lien Maturity - Newton Discussion moved to next meeting.

The Sumner Scholarship Fund received an extremely generous donation of \$150,000 from the Carl Straub Charitable Foundation in memory of George and Dorothy Healy. The donation more than doubles the principal of the account. Possible ways of recognition will be discussed at a future meeting.

Old Business:

The job posting for the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector has received only one phone call and two email inquiries (both of which could have been scams). Other ideas of where to post the position will be sought.

Bids for building maintenance plowing due 4-22-2020 and to be opened 4-28-2020.

The heat pump estimates were reviewed and all were considerably more than anyone expected. Given the current health and economic situation, this idea has been tabled.

The office computers have been received and are being prepared by Chris Sanborne to come into the office when "stay at home" order is no longer needed.

Updates on Broadband / Fiber - no updates on internet service.

- FirstLight - contact with John Allen to confirm our request to have service at Town Office
- GWI

Upcoming events:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 with a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by Stewart and voted.