

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 10, 2006

The meeting began at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Mark Silber, and Clifford McNeil, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat, and resident Stephen Peters.

The Minutes of December 27, 2005 and Warrant #13 were received and approved.

Open Session: Dr. A. Ingrid Eriksson spoke to the Board about the similarities of the 1918 influenza epidemic and the bird flu now in Asia. She believes that American birds will eventually become infected and that the virus may combine with a human virus and become a pandemic. There is no vaccine at this point. Her advice for protection is to stock up on supplies, have gloves and face masks and Clorox on hand to prevent contamination and to be able to isolate yourself. She presented projected timeframe scenarios of contamination, illness and hospitalization. She recommended contacting State officials about their plans and the disposal of contaminated items. The Board thanked her for her professional advice and for taking the time and initiative to talk to them.

CEO Sidney Abbott: DEP sent notification of closure on site remediation at R10, Lot 2, West Sumner Baptist Church, and R17, Lot 24 Nancy D' Aiutolo. Keach said that there was an oil spill at the church.

Forms and Reports: Tree Growth Certification was signed for A. Ingrid Eriksson and John Allen: Map R13, Lots 9 and 9A.

Road Report: The MDOT Bridge Inspection Report was given to Keach. Three bridges are listed as needing significant repairs; Chandler Bridge will be in the 2006 budget. It needs new abutments and decking; a bridge rail should be installed and the 9-ton posting signs are missing. No plans were made for Andrews Road or Robins Bridge.

Keach would like the Board to adopt a Road Posting Ordinance that gives him the authority to post the roads when needed to prevent damage. This will be done at the next meeting.

Old Business: The Adult-Only Business Ordinance was reviewed and edited for the February 28 hearing.

### New Business:

The Community Response Team Questionnaire was reviewed and will be mailed out to residents

The Board gave approval for fire station winter maintenance of under \$1000.

### Correspondence:

AVCOG sent the 2005 edition of Local Government in Maine.

The Audit for MMA Property and Casualty Pool program was received.

### Other:

Upcoming meetings were listed.

The Account Activity Report to December 31, 2005 was available.

McNeil has contacted MDOT to inspect his road for compliance with mobile home park regulations.

He also reported that the light on Pole 4 on Rte. 140 is still out. He has called CMP, Peters called and the Office has called. Runes will check into the bill the Town receives from CMP for street lights.

The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 24, 2006

The meeting began at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Mark Silber, and Clifford McNeil, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat, and resident Stephen Peters.

The Minutes of January 10, 2006 and Warrant #14 were received and approved.

Open Session: Planning Board members James Durfee, David Bragg and John Allen discussed the ongoing excavation work at Butterfield Estates Mobile Home Park owned by McNeil. The Board would like a master plan of the park, rather than 2 or 3 at a time. They feel that there is a conflict of interest in McNeil having Sumner's CEO also doing the excavation work. According to Sumner's Site Plan Review Ordinance, the Board feels that all work should stop until a Site Plan Review is conducted. The Board brought up McNeil calling on State agencies for assistance and felt that he is using his position as a selectman to his advantage. Other concerns noted by the Planning Board: how many acres does McNeil have, he has talked of putting in 25 units; would like to see an engineer's plan that addresses the aquifer; Rescue and Fire personnel will have questions; want CEO to issue a halt order until Site Plan Review is conducted; the mobile home park is licensed by the State but is a subdivision under Sumner's ordinances and there are no guidelines for its development; there are erosion control problems; McNeil came to the Planning Board after the fact and his attitude led to misconceptions; large mobile home parks tend to lead to social problems.

Standard said that no work should go on until the Planning Board conducts a Review and asked McNeil if he would be doing more work before the Review. He said the Ordinance should be followed.

McNeil's responses were that there was no law that says he can't move dirt or put in soil improvements and he has building notifications signed by the Planning Board. He said he is following State rules and he will stop until spring. He said he had no alternative but to follow on the course set if the Planning Board won't follow State rules. He said the Site Plan Review conflicts with the Subdivision Ordinance; he had to put in 5 units and proceed quicker than planned in order to get the Board to look at Title 30A regulations. His recent survey says he had 15.6 acres including the road; he does not have any plans for the number of units, but he wants to develop to the full potential. He told the Board he will have the assistance of his attorney.

Bragg said the Board works very hard to follow State and Town rules; their own biases are not part of the voting process.

McNeil moved to have the Selectpersons ask the CEO to send a letter to McNeil ordering him to stop work. No second.

Silber moved to have the Selectpersons send a letter to McNeil with a copy to the CEO asking him to cease all work until a final plan is approved by the Planning Board based on the Site Plan Review Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance. Standard seconded. So voted.

Bragg asked McNeil to come to the next meeting because the Plan was incomplete. McNeil agreed.

CEO Sidney Abbott received the Biennial Report Forms for Shoreland Zoning.

### Forms and Reports:

An Abatement was signed for the Corey Arris MH as it has been moved out of Town with no possibility of collecting the taxes.

A Supplement was signed for Ralph and Karen Dunn for TG withdrawal.

The Unsheltered Count of Homeless Persons on January 17, 2006 was faxed to MSHA on January 21 claiming no homeless in Sumner.

McNeil moved to accept the General Assistance Policy Manual. Silber seconded. So voted.

The Warrant was signed for a Special Town Meeting on February 14 to vote on Pauline's Farm Kennel.

The Board approved the MDOT form for the placement of three "Wrinkle in Thyme" signs.

Road Report: A new "Stop" sign is needed at the intersection of Labrador Pond and Valley Roads. Keach will be ordering signs soon.

### Old Business:

The Board reviewed ordinances for the February 28 hearing. Norton was asked to look into a noise control ordinance.

The Regionalization Meeting at the Buckfield Town Office was postponed to February 22.

Norton will see what needs to be done to adopt Rules for Road Posting.

### New Business:

The first meeting to begin emergency planning will be held on February 14 during the Selectpersons' meeting.

Runes will attend an MMA workshop on Title 30A (needed for clerk certification) on January 25.

Correspondence:

Northeast Municipal Forum magazine

MMWAC agenda and minutes

WeRecycle-collects and disposes of televisions and monitors

MMA Municipal Budgeting Workshop February 8

National Watershed Coalition newsletter and membership application

Other:

Silber is planning to attend the January 25 Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting in Buckfield for a discussion on Road Abandonment and Discontinuance.

The meeting ended at 7:15 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 14, 2006

The meeting began at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Mark Silber, and Clifford McNeil, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat, and residents Stephen Peters, Dorothy and Edwin Hinshaw.

At 6:30 PM the Selectpersons' meeting broke for a Special Town Meeting to vote on acceptance of Pauline's Farm Kennel, then reconvened.

The Minutes of January 24, 2006 and Warrant #15 were received and approved.

Open Session: McNeil wanted it noted that he had contacted AVCOG several years ago so that the Planning Board and Office would have information on mobile home parks. He has not made any other calls to State agencies concerning his property.

Darryl Rugg spoke on behalf of Tri-Town Rescue to urge residents to put their address numbers on their houses or mailboxes for emergency personnel. Tri-Town has difficulty recently trying to respond to calls for assistance. He suggested an ordinance. The Board will remind residents in the next newsletter.

### Forms and Reports:

The Board appointed Lana Pratt to Tri-Town's Board of Directors until December 31, 2006.

A Supplement was signed for David Bragg for TG withdrawal, R 16, Lot 18-2, in the amount of \$3,252.45.

The Notice of Public Meeting to Adopt Rules and Regulations for Posting Roads was signed.

A Farmland application was submitted by George and Kelly Affleck to take effect in 2006.

A CMP Pole Location Permit was tabled until McNeil can get information on charging CMP for the easement and setting a restriction on placement within the road limits. Standard will call CMP to see if there is a charge for moving poles out of the road limits.

### Road Report:

Keach has placed the order for road name signs.

The MDOT Bridge Report on Labrador Pond Outlet recommends the bridge should be closed until it can be replaced. The State will not provide assistance. Silber and Keach attended the Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting on Road Abandonment. The attorney's advice was that significant work and money spent on a public easement road would change its status to a town way. The attorney also stated that Sumner's Road Ordinance does hold based on the history of town road use and maintenance, the interviews with residents and the acceptance of the Ordinance by voters at a town meeting.

The Board agreed they did not want to spend the funds necessary to replace the bridge and possibly change its status. They also do not want to remove the bridge and cut off access to the properties on the other side.

Standard will research options.

Keach said the Crooked River Bridge on River Road needs new 50' planks; it should cost about \$3,000.

The Board gave approval; that amount does not qualify as a substantial amount.

### New Business:

Firefighters Robert Walder, Steven McGinty and Robert Stewart met with the Board to begin Emergency Planning. It was decided that the Town should be divided into wards using the tax maps and compile a database with the information on the community responses. McNeil says the County is working on a plan for first responders. A generator for the Town Complex and a fire department radio tower are items that should be obtained. Four key areas to be dealt with are 1) organization/chain of command 2) supplies and storage 3) hazards: ice, fire, flu 4) defenses. At the next meeting, items for stockpiling will be listed, such as Clorox, surgical gloves and masks, and trash bags.

### Correspondence:

The State sent notice that FEMA reimbursements have been delayed; there was a question on funds remaining to be paid to Sumner.

Runes was given approval to attend an MMA Grant Writing workshop.

The Town of Gloucester sent a copy of their letter to Lewiston asking that MMWAC negotiations be handled directly with MMWAC and not member towns.

McNeil took the Animal Response Team emergency training information.

### Other correspondence--no action taken:

Northeast Municipal Forum magazine February 2006

RCAM Roadways to Friendship program to provide transportation to elderly

MMWAC January report

Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting February 22-Crime Watch/Elderly Scams

Transfer Station report

EMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application

Upcoming meetings:

February 15 School Board/Community Meeting 6:00-9:00 PM to discuss future of SAD 39

February 22 Richard Baker, DEP, site visit at Butterfield Estates 10:00 AM-to be posted

February 22 Regionalization Meeting at Buckfield Town Office 6:30 PM

February 28 5:00 PM Selectpersons' meeting, 7:00 PM Public Hearing on Ordinances-to be posted

March 23 1:00 PM meeting in Mexico with DeLorme mapping

The meeting ended at 7:50 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA FEBRUARY 28, 2006

The meeting began at 5:00 PM and ended at 6:15 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat and Stephen Peters and Dwight Dwinal.

Selectperson Clifford McNeil arrived after 6:00 PM and asked that news articles pertaining to his mobile home park be submitted as part of the minutes. The articles are from the *Lewiston Sun Journal*, February 27, 2006, and the *Advertiser Democrat*, February 16, 2006. He also noted that the Town needs to appoint someone other than a selectman as EMA Director.

The Minutes of February 14, 2006 and Warrant #16 were received and approved.

Richard Baker, Shoreland Zoning Coordinator, sent the CEO a copy of his letter to Clifford McNeil concerning McNeil's request to fill in the old gravel pit adjacent to the Nezinscot River. Baker advised McNeil to submit an application for a permit and contact the licensing unit. Standard said that there is an appearance of a conflict of interest when the CEO does work on a commercial project, especially for a selectman. He felt that an independent CEO should be brought in to review all of the work already done. Silber concurred. Standard will contact a CEO from Hartford or Canton; this person will be paid from the CEO account.

### Forms and Reports:

At 6:00 PM, the Warrant to Adopt Rules and Regulations for Posting Roads was read. Silber moved to accept the Rules and Regulations; Standard seconded the motion. So voted.

The CMP Pole Location Permit was edited and signed. The Board crossed out the line stating that 14 days notice was given. A letter from MMA Attorney Rebecca Seel stated that CMP does not charge to move poles and that municipalities have the power to order relocation. Standard will ask CMP to move Pole 3 on Fields Hill.

Tree Growth certification was signed for Scott Austin, Map R3, Lot 3.

### Road Report:

Keach has called Norm Haggan about the icy condition of Rte. 219 at the Pleasant Pond Cemetery. He said the State will scrape the ice. The section of road that was a hazard in other years is fine.

The PUC sent a letter to Keach concerning a Dig Safe incident in 2004 in which a cable was cut. No action will be taken against Keach.

Attorney Thomas Dean responded to the MDOT Bridge Report on Labrador Pond Outlet with the advice that the bridge should be closed to vehicle traffic. The Board agreed that the bridge should be posted as "Closed-Pass at Your Own Risk" with vehicle access blocked. Notices will be posted and mailed to abutters, the Sumner Post Office and the Hartford Town Office.

### Old Business:

The database for Emergency Planning was created from the community responses. Items to be stockpiled were discussed and included non-prescription medications and dried and canned foods. Setting up depots in the three churches was discussed. Standard brought in an influenza planning guide from Massachusetts. He would like to create a guide for Sumner residents.

### New Business:

Standard brought up the limited access to DSL for many Sumner residents. Norton will send a letter to Oxford Networks CEO Roderick Anstey asking what Sumner can do to improve access. Standard will contact the PUC about State plans for wireless access.

Runes will be meeting with a credit card company representative on Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

Standard received a call from a young woman whose windshield was broken as she was traveling through Sumner on February 18. One of Lowe's plow trucks sprayed rocks and sand and hit her vehicle. She said she tried to stop the truck, but the driver ignored her. Silber said the contractor is responsible for damages and she should call Lowe's Garage. Norton will send Lowe a letter advising him of the complaint.

### Correspondence:

DeLorme mapping will have a public presentation on tax mapping in Mexico on March 23.

The Public Hearing on Ordinances began at 7:00 PM. Attending the hearing: Dwight Dwinal, Stephen Peters, Robert Runes, Dorothy and Edwin Hinshaw, Lana Pratt, Connie Cushing, Steven McGinty, Robert Stewart, Walter Litchfield, Martha Elkin and Mary Ann Haxton. The Dog Control Ordinance will be revised for consistency regarding restraints and to allow a warning to be issued for the first violation of Section V. McNeil

agreed to research State regulations on political signs. Two changes were suggested, but the Ordinance is on hold. Several changes were made to the Adult Business Ordinance for clarification.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 14, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Clifford McNeil and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, CEO Sidney Abbott, George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat and resident and firefighter Steven McGinty.

The Minutes of February 28, 2006, with the addition of the news articles submitted by McNeil, and Warrant #17 were received and approved.

Open Session: Resident Lorraine Litchfield, who works at Litchfield General Store, met with the Board to advise them that residents who attend the meetings feel unwelcome and intimidated by the Board. She suggested that at the beginning of the meetings, attendees could be welcomed with an invitation to speak if anyone has an issue. The Board was surprised by the perception, but will revise the agenda and meeting procedure so that all who attend feel comfortable.

CEO Sidney Abbott told the Board that he has been hearing a lot of talk about what the Board has said about him and his work, but nothing directly from the Board. Standard noted that Abbott had not been at the last several meetings to talk with. He said that since the last meeting, McNeil had made him aware that Abbott had another LPI sign the applications for septic systems installed by Abbott on McNeil's land. Standard will not be contacting another CEO to inspect the mobile home park; he said that there does not now seem to be a conflict. Abbott reminded the Board that a CEO doesn't set policy, but carries out orders from the selectmen. Abbott has been following the Camano project to build a road to the pond. DEP will be issuing a permit.

### Forms and Reports:

The Board adopted the Resolution for Incident Management which was submitted by Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA Director. McNeil would like the Town to appoint someone else as director for Sumner. Standard will contact Clayton Schneider, a new resident, whose background would make him a good director.

The MDOT Transportation Project Request form was tabled until the Board has more information. Keach feels that the Town will be obligated to fund a portion of the request for State road assistance. Standard will contact MDOT. Silber would like maintenance on Rte. 140; it is very bad.

### Road Report:

Keach said the culvert that was plugged at the Gammon Road intersection with Fields Hill is okay; he will look at the culvert on Black Mountain Road beyond Simpsons'.

Hartford Selectman Lee Holman called Standard about the decision to close the bridge on Russell Road and the money that had been spent on the main bridge. Silber said the bridge needed to be closed to vehicle traffic to protect the Town from potential accidents and liability.

### Old Business:

Standard drafted an emergency planning Preparedness Manual for Sumner residents based on information from several state agencies. When the manual is done, the Board wants to send it to all residents in the hopes that it will help them prepare for extended emergency situations. The Board is very concerned about individual home preparedness and health care in the event of an epidemic.

McNeil has talked to the MPUC about utility poles. He was told that selectmen can be very specific about the placement of poles. Standard will call CMP and ask them to move poles on Fields Hill and Bonney Road that are within road limits.

### New Business:

Approval was given for Runes to take the week of March 19-25 to visit her father, who is ill, and May 19-20 for her son's college graduation.

Runes was given approval to advertise for insurance coverage bid proposals.

### Correspondence:

McNeil submitted a letter concerning his Site Plan Review Application to the Planning Board. He stated at the meeting that he is in contact with DEP about filling in the pit between his development and the river. It will take a full permit.

Also:

MMWAC minutes and agenda

SPO Planning Grants-check with Comprehensive Plan Committee

USDA Community Grants-forward to Fire Department

NIMS IS-700 class at the Rumford Town Office-forward to Fire Department

Oxford County Municipal Officers Meeting March 22 in Woodstock concerning rescue sleds  
AVCOG Subdivision/Site Review Workshops-McNeil and Abbott plan to attend  
MMA position on LD 2056 to Repeal Personal Property Tax-no action  
Conservation Expo in Farmington on April 19

Other:

The Account Activity report through 2/28/06 was available for review.

Standard has signed up for the March 23 meeting in Mexico with DeLorme mapping; McNeil will try to attend.

A GA training session will be held in Hartford on March 29 at 9:30 AM. McNeil will attend.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 28, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, CEO Sidney Abbott and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat. The Minutes of March 14, 2006 and Warrant #18 were received and approved.

Open Session: Comprehensive Plan Committee members Edwin Hinshaw, Bobbie Peters, Pamela Farrar, Henri Arsenault, Mary Ann Haxton, Martha Elkin, Joel Babb and Lana Pratt met with the Board to bring them up to date on the Plan. Hinshaw read portions of the draft that stressed the importance of community. Haxton explained the comments section asking for written responses from specific groups and individuals. She said the Committee expects to have a portion of the Plan ready for town meeting vote in August.

The Board thanked the Committee for their work and commitment. Silber mentioned that copies of an opinion paper that Standard had written in November had shown up at Litchfield's store. There were anonymous critical comments handwritten on the copies that created confusion among townspeople. Neither the Committee nor Standard distributed those copies.

CEO Sidney Abbott was not aware that there are now three mobile homes on the Gagnon property on Greenwood Road. He will have Norton send a letter to Mrs. Gagnon asking her to attend a Planning Board meeting to explain her intentions.

Gerald Farrar, Planning Board chair, and Mark McAlister came in to talk about McAlister's new home in the Beech Ridge Subdivision. It had come to Standard's attention that it is too close to Ridge Road. Standard had Norton write a letter to the Planning Board, with copies to Abbott and McAlister, asking them to review the matter. Standard was also concerned that Farrar and David Bragg, another Planning Board member, are the realtor and developer; he does not like the appearance of conflict of interest within the Town's committees. Farrar explained that the Planning Board authorized the building notification and were not aware at the time that Subdivision Ordinance had a setback requirement. Runes noted that a letter from the Planning Board and/or CEO should be written to McAlister explaining the error and authorizing the completion of the building in its current site. It was decided that Farrar and Silber will contact MMA attorneys for advice on the proper action to take.

### Forms and Reports:

The Board signed an abatement and supplement for Ralph E Dunn and Karen A Dunn to correct a prior supplement.

A supplement was signed for David B Bragg for TG withdrawal.

The Municipal Warrant to the Animal Control Officer for Unlicensed Dogs was signed.

### Road Report:

Keach has put gravel on Tuell Hill Road, sunk culverts and graded roads. Standard has an appointment with CMP to look at a pole on Bonney Road that is very close to the road and on a curve. Abbott will measure two poles on Fields Hill which should have been set 20' from the centerline.

### Old Business:

Emergency planning-Standard has updated his proposed Preparedness Manual and received a brochure from FEMA. He will send Sumner's plans to Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA Director.

### New Business:

A resident request for a 25 MPH sign on Arthur Allen Road was denied. The road has a set speed limit.

No action was taken on a resident complaint of truck traffic over Fields Hill. The Board discussed posted roads and logging trucks on Barrows Road. The logging trucks are destroying the tarred road. If a plate number is called in to the Office, the Sheriff's department will be called and a bill will be sent for damages.

The fire extinguishers need to be hung up on the walls per OSHA regulations. Standard will take care of it.

The Fire Department wants to sell the old 1967 Chevy pumper; Runes will advertise with MMA and Uncle Henry's.

### Correspondence:

Standard will call Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes about the MMWAC proposed budget.

### Other:

March 29-GA meeting at Hartford Town Office at 9:30 AM-McNeil plans to attend.

April 5-EMA Directors' meeting at Norway Town Office 5:00 PM-Standard plans to attend.

April 25-Alan Carr, candidate for Oxford County Sheriff, will attend Selectpersons' meeting

Scholarship Applications are available and due April 30