

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 13, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, and Secretary Cynthia Norton.

The Minutes of June 27, 2006 and Warrant #1 were received and approved. Warrant #25 was signed on June 30, 2006.

Open Session: Comprehensive Planning Chair Mary Ann Haxton brought the Board up-to-date on the Plan and the Citizens' Meeting on July 12. There will be a public hearing on the Plan on August 2 at the elementary school. Postcards will be sent out to residents and landowners. The Committee will meet again on July 18. After the hearing, any changes that need to be made can be done before the Town Meeting on August 14. She feels the Citizens' Meetings have been a good venue for airing complaints as well as ideas and concerns. Residents have asked for current minutes, agenda items and meetings on the Town's web page. Silber and Norton are working to make that happen in several different formats.

CEO Sidney Abbott will be contacting DEP about the debris on the Waterman property. Clifford Lowe expects to start cleaning up the Wing property the week of July 17. Darryl Starbird came in to ask about McNeil's and Abbott's visits concerning the vehicles and household items in the yard. He feels he is being unfairly singled out. He is trying to make a living on the farm. He said the bags are returnable bottles that are handed out to kids, but he realizes they look like bags of rubbish. He said he didn't know the cows had been out. Silber offered barbed wire for fencing. McNeil said the yard is cluttered with vehicles and the Town is trying to settle this with a gentlemen's approach to reaching an agreement. Starbird said he sometimes uses the vehicles as a temporary corral for the cows when moving them, but they can't be left in the pasture near the cows because they will chew the wiring. Starbird left with no agreement. McNeil will visit him later and go over the Statute on auto graveyards.

Abbott took the DEP Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal.

Forms and Reports signed:

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Certification of Dog and Adult Business Ordinances

Budget Committee and Planning Board Appointments

MMA Ballot for Legislative Policy Committee

Tree Growth certification for Kristen and Jennifer Barboza, R14, Lot 22

Letter of Engagement for Hoisington and Bean, PA

GA Yearly Review Form and Quarterly Report

AVCOG Participation Form for Household Hazardous Waste

Road Report: Keach signed a driveway permit for Bill Glass on Redding Road. He received a repair estimate on Russell Road Bridge of \$29,228. Silber included that information in his Selectperson's report. Standard had received a phone call from Anita Burnham about the status of Farrar Road and told her it was a private road. Keach and Silber agreed with that.

FEMA sent notification of funds and the need for the project certification form. Keach and McNeil will finish the work and send the form.

Keach has put up a patch pile and had planks delivered for the River Road bridge. Alan Webber has trimmed the shrub on his corner; if it is still a problem, he will let Keach move it.

Old Business:

The Town Report bid was awarded to Country Press for a 6x9 format at a cost of \$1566. He will pick up July 14, and return July 28. The reports will be mailed July 29. The Board gave approval for Runes to write a check for the bulk mailing fees without a warrant and want this added to the policy.

New Business:

A letter will be sent to Mrs. Lois Gammon advising her of non-conforming lot transfers. Mrs. Gammon was heir to her husband's 5.1 acre parcel and house on Tuell Hill. She has split the property among her three children creating lots of less than two acres and a subdivision since she has not lived on or owned the property for more than five years.

The valuation for insurance on the office complex was estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000. An insurance adjuster will be sent by the company.

Standard moved that permission be given for Runes to take a vacation from July 22-August 5 per the personnel policy. Silber seconded the motion. So voted.

Correspondence:

McNeil took the information on the PUC Public Interest Payphone program to determine if Litchfield General Store would be an appropriate location.

Other:

July 20-bids are due on a roof over the back deck

July 27-Selectpersons' meeting at 7:00 PM, Glen Holmes, Buckfield Town Manager will attend
Account balances as of 6/30/06 were available.

There will not be a meeting on August 10.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 27, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Thomas Standard, Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Mary Ann Haxton, Aranka Matolcsy of the AdvertiserDemocrat. Clerk Susan Runes was on vacation.

The Minutes of July 13, 2006 and Warrant #2 were received and approved.

Open Session: Glen Holmes, Buckfield Town Manager was expected, but could not make it on time. Sumner's Board will meet with Buckfield on 8/15/06 to discuss Transfer Station issues.

Don Adams, of Canton, came in to see about buying the old fire truck. He was set to buy it, but Clifford Lowe said he was also interested. The Board will put it out to bid, with bids due late August or September.

Forms and Reports signed:

A Policy amendment allowing checks for bulk mailing fees to be issued prior to the warrant.

A 3-year contract with ACO Dannie Paine.

URIP Fund Certification in the amount of \$53,280.

Road Report: Keach asked if he could get a check written for a State permit. McNeil moved to allow Susan Runes to write a check for Road Commissioner James Keach for \$55.00, to Treasurer, State of Maine, prior to the next warrant. Silber seconded the motion. So voted.

Norton will notify Fields Hill residents that Keach will be blasting on August 1 to make the road easier to ditch and shim and alleviate some run-off problems. Keach has replanked River Road Bridge.

Standard asked about the use of the excavator on roads and possible damage. Keach thought it was okay.

Old Business:

Michael Litchfield will be contacted about the PUC Public Interest Payphone program.

John Conway, attorney for Lois Gammon, sent a letter stating that the Board is being overly technical in their interpretation of ownership and subdivision law. Norton was asked to write a letter responding that Sumner is following advice of an MMA attorney concerning subdivision regulations and ownership.

McNeil took the Hazard Mitigation Plan grant application.

New Business:

Albert Holden, South Paris, bid \$950 to build a roof for the deck. His bid was accepted. Norton will ask him for an estimate to install an AC unit in the Office that will be donated by McNeil.

To clarify the salary for EMD for 2006-2007, McNeil said he will take only \$200 and sign a waiver.

Standard has spoken with a Buckfield resident who may be a candidate to serve as EMD for Sumner, Buckfield and other towns. Standard has FEMA booklets to hand out at the town meeting.

McNeil moved to set the rate of pay for the Road Commissioner as a laborer/equipment operator on road work at \$12.00 per hour as of July 27, 2006. Standard seconded. So voted. The Board thought that they had voted to increase the pay to \$10.50 per hour several months ago. Runes will be asked to verify that.

Other:

Bob Thomas, MMA, inspected the building and workplace for workers' comp liability hazards. Batteries are needed for the emergency lights.

The public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on August 2.

There will be a potluck supper on August 14 at 5:30 PM and the Town Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Transfer Station financial reports were available for review.

The next meeting will be August 22.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 22, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Glenn Hinckley, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, and Mary Standard of the Lewiston Sun. Also residents Dana Stevens, Frank and Roberta Ackley, and Thomas Standard.

The Minutes of July 27, 2006 and Warrant #5 were received and approved. (Warrant #3 was signed August 9; Warrant #4 was signed August 14.)

Open Session—Invitation to Speak: Ackley questioned the valuation on his enclosed porch; he said he has not made any changes since 2003. Silber went over his card and showed him that the porch has been listed as 50% complete with the expectation that it would be finished. Ackley said he will not be doing any further work and agreed that 65% condition is fair.

Black Mountain ATV Club President Dana Stevens requested permission for riders to use 5/8 mile of Redding Road to connect with the trail off Shagg Pond Road in Woodstock. Woodstock has granted permission to use the road, but Wagner Forest Mgt. will not allow riders on their land. Silber and Hinckley both felt that an opinion should be sought from the Town's voters. At the August 2002 Town Meeting, voters defeated an article that would allow riders on specific public easement roads. Silber will call MMA to see if a decision can be made at a Special Town Meeting.

Notification was received that RS Pidacks will be crushing rocks at David Bragg's pit. There have been some complaints from neighbors about noise, dust and water pollution and a lack of response from DEP. Hinckley will talk to Bragg.

Forms and Reports:

Gerald Farrar was appointed to the Planning Board until 2008, and Daniel Perron until 2009; Susan Litchfield was appointed as Tri-Town Director until 12/31/06. Lana Pratt had been appointed, but Litchfield offered to take over as she is already involved with the organization.

The 2006-2007 agreement with Trio Software for tax billing and collections was signed.

The Board confirmed an audit request that payments were made to Buckfield-Sumner Solid Waste Transfer Station in the amount of \$61,741.85 for 2005.

The Draft 2006 Town Audit Report was available for review.

Road Report: Keach is shimming Redding and Tuell Hill Roads. He has put out bids on replacing the Barrows Road multi-plate culvert. Bids are due September 12, 2006.

Old Business: Bid notices for the old fire truck will be sent out, with bids due September 26.

New Business:

Silber gave a review of his meeting with the Buckfield Board and the discussion regarding the vote to purchase 10 acres adjacent to the Transfer Station for \$20,000. More room is needed at the Station.

Although most of the 10 acres is unusable, there is a half-acre that can be used for storage bins. The money will come from the contingency and operating accounts. The Buckfield Board will attend the September 12 meeting.

It was decided to offer a CD of CAMA assessing values for \$5.00 to those who request more information than the valuation book and building card copies have.

Sumner is waiting for AVCOG's bids for the joint purchase of road salt (365 tons for Sumner).

Silber will ask Glen Holmes to look into a Grant program for Local and Regional Services.

Tom Standard offered to work on the NIMCAST 72-question assessment. He gave Silber information for the next local director.

He gave the Board EMA information for the new Director.

Noelle Lueck called Standard to say that she thought laundry soap was being dumped into Labrador Pond.

Hinckley will follow up on her call, as Standard is no longer a selectperson.

Other:

August 30: Oxford County Commissioners Budget Committee Caucus

September 12: David Hoisington, auditor, will attend meeting

Appointments will be made for various committees at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:10 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, residents Mary Ann Haxton, Jeffrey Pfeifer, and David Bragg and Thomas Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of August 22, 2006 and Warrant #6 were received and approved. Silber had a question on a Warrant payment that Runes explained.

Open Session: Auditor David Hoisington met with the Board to review his role as an auditor and his recent audit report. He substantiates balances and checks that expenditures are as voted upon at Town Meeting and looks at internal controls, checks and balances, that enable the Town to detect fraud. He explained that it is the responsibility of the Board and the employees to employ internal controls. He suggested a procedures manual with a check list of jobs completed and policies for security codes to be changed with a change in personnel, for computer records to be backed up, and for conflicts of interest to be avoided when bidding jobs. Another recommendation was that any changes in bank accounts should be made by vote of the Board. He noted that the General Fund is declining and should be kept at 35%-40% of the commitment. Overall the Town does a good job of record keeping. Haxton asked if the Budget Committee could assist in reviewing account statements. The Board agreed that would be a good idea and would keep the Committee more involved. Norton has already begun keeping a list of assessment changes for year-to-year valuation comparison.

CEO Sidney Abbott will inspect the Hamm property on Fields Hill for the new outbuildings; the Office has no record of a Building Notification. The Board will discuss procedures and hours for LPI at the next meeting.

Forms and Reports:

Committee Appointments: McNeil moved to appoint Standard as EMD; Hinckley seconded. So voted.

Road: Thomas Standard, George Jones, James Durfee, Lawrence Litchfield to 8/31/07

Comprehensive Plan Implementation: Lana Pratt to 8/31/07

Ordinance Update: Lana Pratt, Mary Ann Haxton to 8/31/07

Planning Board: Edwin Hinshaw to 8/31/08; Gerald Farrar and Jeffrey Pfeifer, Alternates, to 8/31/07

Emergency Management: Thomas Standard, Director, to 8/31/07; Jeffrey Pfeifer to 8/31/08;

Kay Herbert to 8/31/09, Diana Stewart to 8/31/08, Earle Simpson to 8/31/09, Lana Pratt to 8/31/07

Recreation: Diana Tolman to 8/31/07

Scholarship: Clayton Schneider, Phyllis Schneider to 8/31/08

Tree Growth Certification: David G, Adam D Dupuis—R21, Lot 1

Revised ACO contract for one year

Sheriff's report on local registered sex offenders

Road Report: Keach has patched Bonney Road to repair damage caused by a delivery truck backing into McCafferty's driveway. If there is further damage, the Town will send a bill.

Haxton told Keach that Black Mountain Road sign is missing again. Norton will contact the high school principal and ask him to speak to the student body about the cost and dangers of removing road and traffic signs.

The Office has received complaints about the blind spot on the corner of Rte. 219 West and Bonney Road and Rte. 219 East and Rte. 140. Silber will call Steven McGinty and Grace Keelty to see if they will trim the trees. Keach will contact MDOT about the brush on the corner of Greenwoods and Black Mountain Roads.

Old Business:

Pollution at Labrador Pond-Hinckley talked to Noelle Lueck who thought someone renting at Dulcie Brown's cabin was dumping laundry detergent into the pond. Norton will write to Brown.

Bragg's gravel pit-Hinckley was told by Brenda Bragg that all necessary permits have been secured.

Emergency Management Committee, NIMCAST 72 question survey-Standard has sent the survey to the Oxford County EMD. He hosted the first meeting of the Committee and submitted minutes.

Use of town way by ATV club-Silber was informed by Rebecca Seel of MMA that it is the Town's prerogative to decide to allow ATVs on town ways. After some discussion about a recent fatal accident and an editorial discouraging ATV rider on roads, Silber moved not to grant permission to the ATV club to use Redding Road. Hinckley seconded the motion. So voted by the Board.

Hazard Mitigation Plan application-McNeil will take this to the next Emergency Management Committee meeting.

New Business:

The Sumner Board will meet with the Buckfield Selectmen on the 19th to discuss the Transfer Station. Richard Wiken asked Hinckley if the Town would consider selling the old George Libby lot; he would like to use it for a firewood business. The Board is not interested. (The lot is on the stream to Pleasant Pond.) Before opening the bids on the Barrows Road culvert replacement, Keach asked if Sumner contractors would be given preference; Hinckley said he would prefer a Sumner contractor. Bragg said he thought low bid from a reputable contractor should be chosen. With no further discussion, bids were opened. Stanley Excavation bid \$24,376, K&K Excavation bid \$56,525, Maynard & Son's Trucking bid \$30,000, David Bragg Excavating bid \$22,000. McNeil moved to award the bid to Bragg. Hinckley seconded. So voted. Bragg said he will start September 25 and expects to finish in 5 days. Residents of Barrows Road will be notified by mail that the road will be closed to through traffic at the ball field.

A letter from resident Danny White asked the Board to reconsider barring trucks from using engine brakes in West Sumner village; he was very concerned about driver safety on the steep hills. McNeil felt the brakes saved the truck brakes, but were not a safety factor. Keach disagreed, but the Board decided that the noise is very disturbing to the residents and their concerns should be addressed. Norton will send White a letter advising him of the decision to ban the use of engine brakes.

Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes sent copies of a grant application for NVPA.

Spring Road numbering for E-911 will be adjusted to start at Rte. 140 and include the Hartford section of the road. Hartford requested the change for emergency and rescue vehicles.

Bragg questioned the penalty assessed on the 12.52 acre parcel he sold to Jeremy Johnson. Norton explained that 3.92 of the 12.52 acres was in tree growth and State law requires a withdrawal penalty for less than 10 acres in tree growth. Norton said she spoke with Johnson and explained it to him and gave him a copy of an answer from Maine Revenue Services. Bragg said that Johnson had been given a different answer from OCS&W and thought the Board should waive the penalty. McNeil ~~agreed with Bragg and thought Norton had made an error.~~ He will research transferring land from tree growth to farmland. Silber noted that State law sets the regulations and penalties and it is procedure to seek advice from the appropriate State agency.

Other:

Projected mill rate: .01628, with \$11,864 overlay, on taxable valuation of \$51,511,473

Financial Account activity as of 8/31/06 available for review

Sumner received \$132 dividend from MMA Workers Compensation Fund.

Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting on TABOR—Hinckley will try to attend.

Municipal Shoreland Zoning Update-will be given to Ordinance Update Committee

Invoices reviewed by McNeil. Warrant signed and dated by Silber, McNeil and Hinckley. Financial accounts activity as of 8/31/06 taken by McNeil and e-mailed to Silber and Hinckley.

The meeting ended at 9:50 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM and ended at 8:50 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton. Also attending was resident Mary Ann Haxton.

The Minutes of September 12, 2006 were read, corrected and signed. Warrant #7 was signed and dated by the Selectpersons. McNeil verified Receipts and Disbursements #5352-5366.

CEO/LPI Sidney Abbott is available by phone 5:00-6:00 AM or 6:00-8:00 PM.

Forms and Reports:

Appointments: Haxton requested that the Comprehensive Plan Committee be reappointed until the State accepts the Plan; she would like to be reappointed to the Board of Appeals. Haxton asked Silber to sign the Plan Submittal Form for the State. The Committee will be sending out a newsletter to residents. Runes was given permission to write a check to mail the newsletter prior to the warrant. McNeil thanked Haxton for her work on the Committee.

McNeil will take over as Maintenance Supervisor.

Road Committee: Edwin Hinshaw appointed to 8/31/07

Murray Oil Fixed Price Agreement of \$2.29 per gallon. Silber noted that he thought the agreement was not fixed price. He signed the agreement, but asked Runes to verify the terms before mailing.

Abatements: Dorothy Crocker Estate R14-5—incorrect acreage

Supplements: David G Bragg R16/18-5—TG withdrawal at owner's request

Tax Commitment signed with a mill rate of 16.25.

Old Business:

Silber reported on the meeting with the Buckfield Selectmen. It was decided that the land adjacent to the Transfer Station did not have enough usable land. Two bids were received for the capital improvements project and were rejected. Holmes will contact contractors for separate bids.

McNeil researched tree growth withdrawal and penalties and determined that the correct procedure was followed on R16-18B.

Norton spoke with Dulcie Brown's husband about the laundry detergent pollution at Labrador Pond.

He said it was not the renters in their camp; he thought it might be another camp.

Runes said that the Animal Shelter contract needs further revision.

New Business:

Don Adams of Canton submitted a bid of \$1.00 for the 1967 Chevrolet Pumper fire truck. McNeil moved to accept the bid; Hinckley seconded the motion. There were two votes in favor; Silber abstained.

Runes reported that Morton Salt got the bid for \$51.57 per ton through AVCOG's purchasing agreement.

McNeil moved to deposit \$4,500 from the sale of the 1969 grader into the Road Equipment Account per Town Meeting vote. Silber seconded. So voted. Runes has closed the Bicentennial Account and transferred funds to the Scholarship Account.

It was suggested that a committee should be formed to come up with alternate funding for SAD #39.

McNeil will make sure that Butterfield Estates Mobile Home Park tenants are submitting Notifications.

It appears that David Bragg has created a subdivision with the sale of part of R16-18. Norton will send him a letter. Norton will also contact Lois Gammon again about her property and the division between her three children.

Resident Danny White sent a second letter again urging the Board to allow truckers to use engine brakes in Sumner and remove the signs in East Sumner. He referred to his brother, who is a trucker, and MDOT and submitted two reports on the use of engine brakes. Silber said that the brakes are a safety device, but they disturb the residents. McNeil said this is a judgment call for the Town; MDOT does not require the brakes or adequate mufflers.

Edwin Hinshaw submitted his resignation from Board of Appeals so that he can serve on the Planning Board.

There will be a mandatory training session for Clerks on Thursday, October 12. Runes may have to close the Office if the Deputy Clerk cannot work.

Other: Glen Holmes represents Sumner at the MMWAC Executive Committee Meetings.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 10, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM and ended at 8:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Thomas Standard EMA Director and for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of September 26, 2006 were corrected regarding the make of the pumper and signed by the Board. Warrant #8 was signed and dated by the Selectpersons; McNeil verified Receipts 1508-1528 and Disbursements 5367-5392.

Open Session: Standard presented the EMA grant application, which Silber signed, and had copies for each Selectperson. It will be submitted by the deadline of 10/13/06. Standard said he will be working with Bob Calawa of Hartford on coordinating plans for emergencies.

CEO Sidney Abbott came into the Office before the meeting and reported that he had checked out a complaint of cutting along Labrador Pond and found that many of the camp residents were cutting out dead wood. He will not pursue any further action. He also visited the Hamm property on Fields Hill and noted the buildings that are in violation. He was not able to meet with the Hamms as they live out of state. The Board directed Norton to send notice of the violation to Cheryl and Jeffrey Hamm and advise them that at the next meeting they would be assessed a 10% penalty and 2 years back taxes and interest according to the Building Notification Ordinance.

Forms and Reports:

Appointments:

Comprehensive Plan Committee—Mary Ann Haxton, Henri Arsenault, Arlene Silverman, Edwin Hinshaw, Lana Pratt, Pamela Farrar, Martha Elkin, Bobbie Peters, Joel Babb until the State accepts the Plan

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee—Mary Ann Haxton to 8/31/09, Martha Elkin to 8/31/08

Board of Appeals—Mary Ann Haxton to 8/31/09

Emergency Management—Kelly Affleck to 8/31/09

Abatements: Mark Silber, R1-10—incorrect acreage for the years 2003, 2004, 2005.

General Assistance Report July-September 2006—no claims; Appendices A and C were adopted

Road Report: Hinckley said the Barrows Road culvert was completed; the job was well done. Silber contacted Steven McGinty about trees on the corner, McGinty does not want to cut back onto his land, but is willing to have State trim back to road limits. Hinckley will call MDOT; he has called about the corner on Greenwoods and Black Mountain, but has not received a reply.

Old Business:

The Tax Commitment was corrected for valuation total and recommitted with same rate of 16.25 mills on October 3. Bills went out the same week with a due date of November 18, 2006 and interest of 11% starting February 5, 2007.

New Business:

Runes was directed by the Board to insure the building for \$408,000 for an additional \$90 per year.

The Selectpersons voted not to purchase an individual bond on the position of treasurer/tax collector. This was not budgeted. In addition, the Town already purchases a corporate bond that covers all employees.

It was decided the Road Committee would meet on November 1 at 6:30 PM to discuss current and long-range plans with the Road Commissioner.

Maine Local Roads Center is holding Snow and Ice Control Manager Breakfast Meetings. Hinckley is willing to accompany Clifford Lowe if he is interested. Runes will contact Lowe.

Questions from resident Danny White on liability for banning engine brakes will be referred to the Town's insurance carrier.

Other:

Next meeting: October 24 at 6:30 PM with Buckfield Selectmen attending.

The Office will be closed Thursday, October 12, for a mandatory Clerk Training Seminar.

Financial statements as of 9/30/06 e-mailed to Silber and Hinckley, hard copy to McNeil.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 24, 2006

The Selectpersons met at 6:30 PM with the Buckfield Selectmen to go over policies and projects for the Transfer Station.

The regular meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Thomas Standard for the Sun Journal and resident Stephen Peters.

The Minutes of October 10, 2006 and Warrant #9 were reviewed and approved. McNeil verified Receipts 1529-1548 and Checks 5393-5422.

Open Session: Peters asked the Board to please keep the "No Engine Brakes" signs in East Sumner village and not to confuse East Sumner with West Sumner. He said truckers do not need to use the brakes in East Sumner and the signs have made a difference in reducing the noise. He thanked Keach for putting up the signs.

Peters then brought up concerns with the maintenance of cemetery stones. The Historical Society is interested in assisting with cleaning stones and has information on safe methods and cleaners. Peters also said that State law requires a town to fix leaning stones when notified. He noted that a tree is leaning in Hersey Cemetery and could damage several stones if it falls. Peters wondered why no stones were repaired this year and if the money was lost. McNeil said he is now Maintenance Supervisor. He will need to visit the cemeteries and take pictures and talk over needs with Cynthia Norton, who has been Supervisor in previous years.

Peters' last concern was speeders in East Sumner village; he wants the Sheriff's Department to watch for speeders. McNeil suggested Peters attend the Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting in Hartford on October 25 and speak with the candidates for sheriff.

CEO Sidney Abbott said he had no report. He asked about the status of Darryl Starbird's clean up on his property. Silber asked Abbott if he was aware that Dorson McCafferty was putting up an addition on his barn. Abbott said he would look into it. (Note: McCafferty took out a Notification in 2004 for the addition.)

Forms and Reports:

Appointments: Emergency Management—Martha Elkin to 8/31/08, Wilda Dunham to 8/31/09

Supplements: Cheryl L Hamm, Jeffrey W Hamm Sr. for violation of the Building Notification Ordinance in the amount of \$3,088.80.

The Municipal Valuation Return was signed and will be filed with the State; a copy will be placed in the Commitment Book.

The County Tax Assessment of \$36,415 was signed and will be returned with payment to the County Treasurer.

Road Report: Keach said he has been ditching on Valley Road and will be replacing a culvert. He got a call from the Oxford County Sheriff's department on October 21 at 3:00 AM about trees down. Keach had to cut his way out of Gammon Road before he could respond to the call.

Old Business:

The insurance company response to questions from resident Danny White on liability for banning engine brakes was that the company would not accept liability.

A committee for the Arrabine J. Dunn Relief Fund will be appointed at the next meeting. A request for funds was made by the Fire Chief that did not comply with the bylaws. After some discussion, it was decided to redefine qualifications for recipients and to add a provision for amendments. The changes were accepted by the Board and the amended Bylaws were signed. The request for funds was approved.

New Business:

The Board was notified of a name change for Winter Road Maintenance Contractor Clifford Lowe: Lowe's Sand & Gravel has been changed to Lowe's Auto Sales.

There will be a Road Committee meeting on November 1 at 6:30 PM.

Reports available for review:

Quarterly Transfer Station Financial statements

2006 MMA Salary Survey

MMWAC Financial Statements with Auditor's Report

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 14, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil until 8:00 PM, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Comprehensive Plan Chair Mary Ann Haxton, Thomas Standard for the Sun Journal, and residents Robert Runes, Stephen Peters and Connie Cushing.

The Minutes of October 24, 2006 and Warrant #10 were reviewed and approved. Checks 5423-5461 and Receipts 1549-1596 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Peters said the Historical Society voted at their last meeting to help with cleaning and maintenance of the Town's cemetery stones. They would like Board approval. Silber would like a list of people who will be working and expects they will be supervised by Peters or Cushing. McNeil suggested that all workers should take the stone maintenance and cleaning course that Cushing has taken. Cushing said she would like to begin with the Keen(e) cemeteries—cataloging, mapping, and photos—with all data put into archive books for public viewing.

Runes had several questions about the fence repairs at the Transfer Station. He had not been aware that funds had been raised at the Town Meeting as there was no mention of it during the discussion on the article. He would like the Warrant to note major expenses with explanations. Runes asked why a chain link fence was installed and said it was not wide enough for trucks to get through. He also felt that \$12,000 was way too much money. Silber said the fence was for safety and to take care of nuisance garbage that had been thrown over the wooden fence. He explained that Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes had miscalculated the acreage and length of the fence; boulders will be placed between the fence and trees to discourage people from trying to enter after hours. McNeil added that he had talked with Holmes about the narrow gates and the proximity to the road. Holmes will have the fence moved back. There was a lengthy discussion on universal waste storage and the news article that said Hartford residents could take universal waste to the Station. Silber explained that Hartford is paying for freight and removal of universal waste on the same day. Buckfield and Sumner residents are asked to wait until the building is constructed before bringing universal waste to the Station.

Haxton said the Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to the State Planning Office. The Committee is working on the maps and Capital Investment Needs portion for submission by November 25.

CEO Sidney Abbott called in. He has checked on the McCafferty barn addition; it is a new addition and Mrs. McCafferty will be in to fill out the notification.

Forms and Reports:

Appointments signed:

Comp Plan Implementation: Clayton Schneider 8/31/07, Phyllis Schneider to 8/31/09

Town Ordinance Update: Clayton Schneider, Phyllis Schneider to 8/31/07

Board of Appeals: Henri Arsenault 8/31/07

Recreation: Marcia Turcotte to 8/31/07

Arrabine J. Dunn Relief Fund: Wilda Dunham to 8/31/07, Edwin Hinshaw to 8/31/08, Ralph Dunn to 8/31/09

Abatements granted: Mona Tripp—personal property removed before April 1, 2006.

Approved Request for Background Check for Concealed Firearm Permit: Charles J McCarthy

Traffic Sign Grant Program—Keach will work on a list and Hinckley will look over the paperwork. There is a mandatory training requirement.

Road Report: Keach said the rain on October 29 caused about \$12,000 damage in washouts to the following roads: Decoster, Biron, Arthur Allen, Andrews, Tuell Hill, Heath Hill, Estes and Labrador Pond. He has fixed the ditch on Front Street. Keach has had some problems with the driveway on the Arthur Allen Road property bought by Bryan King. Before the culvert was put in, the road washed out and Keach fixed it. When the culvert was installed, the contractor filled in the runoff which will cause more washouts. Hinckley will call King about the damage.

New Business: The School Board would like a Selectman representative on the Budget Committee. Hinckley will consider it.

The Proposed 2007 State Valuation is \$54,400,000, based on 2005 values. The 2006 actual value is \$51,631,588. Norton will contact Mike Rogers of Maine Revenue Services to see if he can come to a meeting to explain the process.

Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust sent a copy of the 2007 Rates effective 1/1/07.

The Board authorized Standard to serve as EMD director for Sumner, Buckfield and Hartford.

The Ordinance Update Committee asked the Board to prioritize ordinances. Silber will post all the ordinances on the Town's web page for public review. Peters said the Planning Board would like to be involved in the update process.

Other:

Runes distributed the Fiduciary and Reserve Fund Accounts for 7/1/06 to 10/31/06.

Standard will talk to Lee Berry about the position of Local Health Officer. He handed out updates on the Emergency Operating Procedures manual.

Norton informed the Board of the need to re-number Spring Road to coordinate with Hartford and emergency vehicles. She will notify the affected residents, the post office and Maine GIS.

The Board voted to close out the Bicentennial Account to the Scholarship Fund.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA NOVEMBER 28, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, and Thomas Standard for the Sun Journal.

Also residents Jonathan Leavitt, Thomas Obear and Joanna Reese and Rep.-Elect Teresea Hayes.

The Minutes of November 14, 2006 and Warrant #11 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Checks 5462-5480 and Receipts 1597-1626 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Jonathan Leavitt presented the Citizen's Initiative for "An Ordinance to Make Adult Marijuana-Related Offenses the Lowest Law Enforcement Priority in the Town of Sumner". Leavitt outlined the steps and goals of the Maine Marijuana Policy Initiative. The Ordinance will be considered in five towns and is not related to the medical use law. The group wants to send a message to the State, and eventually the federal government, that these towns do not want tax dollars used to enforce marijuana use and growth. He is tired of helicopters flying over Damon Road. He said, "A lot of us consider this is not a healthy relationship with State government." He stated that \$15,000,000 is spent yearly on enforcement. He feels that growing marijuana could be a source of revenue for small farmers. He questioned the right of the federal government to tell adults what to put into their bodies and said that marijuana has been used for thousands of years by many cultures, especially for its healing qualities. He added that calling it a gateway drug is a fallacy.

Hayes said that Sumner's ability to enforce the County and State budget and law enforcement is nil; a municipality cannot refuse to pay State and County dues.

Hinckley said he is not interested in getting involved. McNeil asked what Leavitt's point was; he said it is a moral issue that he is not interested in putting to the voters.

Silber said the document needs to be simplified and suggested that some of the signers might help.

Runes noted that State law requires an initiative with enough valid signatures to be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant. Silber called for a vote to place it on the next Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The vote was two in favor; McNeil abstained.

Hayes told the Board that she is honored to have won the election. She has already met with the Buckfield Board of Selectmen and wants to be of assistance to her constituents. Silber asked her to look at education funding and a new source of taxes. He stressed the need to reduce property taxes and noted that poor condition of the roads. Hayes will do what she can. She said she had never participated in County affairs until last fall. She was very surprised at the percentage of increases in the County budget.

Obear talked to the Board about the dump trucks that drove up and down Damon Road all day. He said the mud was 2" deep in the morning, but by afternoon the ruts were 9-10" deep and the road was impassable.

Ms. Reese could not get her car out, nor could the person working at Obear's house. He asked who fixes the road. (Note: Damon Road is a public easement road.) The trucks were owned by Maynard Farrar who was working for Sidney Abbott. Hinckley said he inspected the road and that Farrar was liable. He will talk to Farrar. Keach noted that Abbott ordered the work done that day. McNeil asked what the protocol is for a public easement road. He will talk to Abbott and ask him to smooth the ruts out.

Forms and Reports signed:

Appointments: Health Officer: D. Lee Berry to 8/31/07

Abatements: Corrado Buccheri (R21-29) incorrect acres—66 to 59 per survey—\$56.88 abated in taxes

Road Report: Keach put the guardrails on the Barrows Road culvert and replanked the Andrews Road Bridge. He has been grading roads, replaced the starter on the grader, fixed the hole on Bonney Road, dug a runoff on Arthur Allen Road and ditched it and reset a culvert. Keach is not interested in the Traffic Sign Program.

Old Business:

The School Board's first Budget Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 16. Hinckley will represent the Town.

Silber called Connie Cushing to thank her for her work on the cemeteries.

New Business:

A resident called to ask if the old fire truck at Lowe's Auto Sales was for sale. Silber talked to Fire Chief Robert Stewart who said it was just parked there. Silber will see what the Department wants for the truck and notices will be put out.

Silber talked to Murray Oil about the furnace; it needs maintenance and antifreeze. He estimated the bill would be about \$600-\$700 for materials plus labor. The work is scheduled for December 5.

Runes was given authorization to write up a Building Use and Access Policy for the various committees.

McNeil will take care of a request from Ronald Crocker to review his house valuation (R17-38).

Other:

The Office received a report of Darryl Starbird's cows loose in the road. McNeil will contact him.

Stuart Cooper has ended his term on the Board of Appeals. Norton sent a thank you letter.

Hinckley and Keach will attend the Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting on December 6 in Rumford Point. MDOT will discuss its Oxford County plans.

Information on the MEMA e-grant for a pre-disaster mitigation program was given to Standard.

Next meeting: December 12-Mike Rogers, Maine Revenue Services, will talk about State valuation.

There will be no meeting on December 26. The Board will come in to sign the Warrant.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 12, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, and Thomas Standard for the Sun Journal.

Also Comprehensive Plan members Mary Ann Haxton, Henri Arsenault, Joel Babb. Lana Pratt, Edwin Hinshaw and resident Stephen Peters.

The Minutes of November 28, 2006 and Warrant #12 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Checks 5481-5515 and Receipts 1627-1650 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Arsenault reported on an informational sign for the front lawn for public announcements. It would be 6' x 6' with a pressure-treated frame and removable letters, costing \$285 plus hardware. He suggested \$500 for the Town Meeting Warrant. Hinshaw noted that he would like to see a permanent, attractive sign. Haxton said the cost would come out of the Implementation Committee's budget. Peters suggested Doug Violette might be able to frame and install the sign. Silber asked the Committee to research other types of signs. Haxton agreed and said they would report back on January 9. She stressed that public communication is needed now.

Haxton received a report from the State Planning Office. They have found the Comprehensive Plan to be inconsistent with the Act in 6 areas. Frank Hample, from SPO, has agreed to meet with the Committee in January. It is expected that the SPO will have new guidelines for comprehensive plans in 6 months.

CEO Sidney Abbott reported that the Damon Road dried up when the weather cleared.

Forms and Reports: McNeil filled out the DHS form seeking information on computerized data.

Road Report: Keach picked up 5 bags of rubbish on Paris Hill Road. Papers inside the bags indicated the rubbish belongs to Roenell Cummings Jr. of West Paris. Hinckley will contact him.

The recent MDOT report on the Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge recommended a barricade or removal. Keach will put up a Closed sign and remove the bridge in the summer of 2007.

Old Business:

Silber talked to Chief Stewart about the old fire truck at Lowe' Auto Sales. He said to sell it for the best offer. It will be put out to bid with bids due on January 23.

The furnace maintenance bill came in at Labor \$1455 and Parts \$1594. Runes said a Special Town Meeting will be needed for overdrafts on tax maps, the new computers and the furnace.

The Board approved the building use and access guidelines drawn up by Runes. She will post a calendar for meetings and events.

McNeil inspected Ronald Crocker's house and land and reviewed his findings with Norton. The Board signed an abatement lowering the house and land valuation to 37,930 from 53,050. (Dorothy Crocker Estate, R17, Lot 38)

McNeil reported that he responded to a call from Norton that two of Darryl Starbird's cows were walking Rte. 140 headed into the village. He spent about 5 hours before managing to get them back through the woods and into a wagon and gave them hay and water.

Standard researched the MEMA e-grant for pre-disaster mitigation programs. If the Town were to apply this year, a letter indicating that the Selectpersons would put the 25% match on the next Town Meeting warrant would be good enough. However, the Town still needs an accurate cost estimate and historic data on damage and repair cost for Heath Hill Road to develop the cost/benefit analysis. This grant will be available again next fall if it is decided to add other roads.

Standard will serve as the EMD for Hartford and Buckfield and will charge them for travel expenses.

New Business:

Norton prepared a draft newsletter for Board input. She will add the truck bid, information about the Comprehensive Plan and the need for building notifications and an offer to e-mail Town information to those who request it.

Bob Runes will be asked to take care of the Dep't. of Labor building audit violations as he works on fire station repairs.

Other:

Financial Statements as of 11/30/06 were given to the Board for comment.

There will be no meeting on December 26, the Warrant will be ready for signing December 27.

Abbott brought up the condition of Rte. 219 at Bog Brook. The road has heaved and cracked and is dangerous. McNeil will call Norman Haggan, Division Engineer. Norton will send a letter with a copy of the letter sent in 2005.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 9, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Comprehensive Planning Chair Mary Ann Haxton, resident Stephen Peters and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of December 12, 2006 and Warrant #14 were received and approved. Checks 5539-5568 and Receipts 1651-1698 were verified by McNeil. Warrant #13 and Checks 5516-5538 were signed and verified 12/27/06 by the Board.

Open Session: Haxton said the Committee will be meeting with State Planner Frank Hample on January 13. The public is invited.

CEO Sidney Abbott reported on buildings on the River Road that are in violation of plumbing codes and Town ordinances. He will issue a "Stop Work" order and send the owners notice of the violation by certified mail. He said that a penalty of \$100 per day can be assessed as soon as they receive the notice. After the building is assessed, a 10% penalty will be sent per the Building Notification Ordinance.

Forms and Reports:

McNeil signed the GA Quarterly Report for October-December 2006. They were no claims.

A Supplement was signed for Cliff Dennis and Thomas Bacigalupo; the building was left off the commitment.

Old Business:

Norton sent letters to Lois Gammon and David Bragg concerning land transfers that have created subdivisions. Copies were sent to the Planning Board and the CEO.

The SafetyWorks! Building audit recommended panic bars to replace locking door knobs and dead bolts.

Runes will look into levered door handles that lock and get estimates.

The Safety inspection done by MMA listed 3 'uncontrolled hazards'. The Fire Department has cleared the access to the electrical panel. Norton replaced the batteries in the emergency lights; however, one of the lights does not work. The Board approved the electrical work estimate submitted by Matt DeMillo to replace the lights in the Office and garage, repair the emergency light and replace the outside spot light.

New Business:

McNeil moved to provide Volunteer Firefighter Blanket Accident Coverage for the remainder of the year with funds to come from the FD Operations account. Silber seconded. So voted. It will be added to the next annual budget. The cost is \$52.48 per firefighter per year.

John O'Donnell sent notice that his company will start charging a yearly \$1,000 fee for CAMA updates. Silber would like to research other companies.

Don Hutchins, MDOT, has inspected the Bog Brook area of Rte 219 and will put it on the 2007 work list.

The Board asked Norton to also request warning signs and cold patch.

The Board will attend a Transfer Station meeting in Buckfield on January 16. Silber would like the attendants at the meeting, to be paid for their time. Norton will contact Glen Holmes about the request.

Other:

The financial statements as December 31, 2006 were given to the Board for review. Approval was given to Runes to transfer \$200,000 from the money market to 2 CDs for a higher rate of interest.

The School Budget Committee will meet January 16. Hinckley is the Sumner representative.

Bids are due on the old fire truck on January 23.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 23, 2007

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Esther Cooper and Budget Committee members Connie Cushing and Clayton Schneider.

The Minutes of January 9, 2007 were read and corrected and Warrant #15 was received and approved.

Checks 5569-5589, Receipts 1699-1725 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Michael Rogers and Jeffrey Lunsford, Maine Revenue Services, talked to the Board about State Valuation for municipalities and handed out Property Tax Bulletin 1 that explains valuation. The 2007 values are based on the 2005 assessment listed on the Municipal Valuation Return. Rogers said the market is growing. He agreed the Board might want to factor the land values to keep in line with State values.

CEO Sidney Abbott sent a certified notice to Daniel and Deborah Pickering ordering them to stop all construction on their buildings on River Road. They have until January 29, 2007 to correct violations.

Abbott noted that there are a number of campers with illegal or no septic systems. This will be discussed at the February 13 meeting.

Forms and Reports:

Supplements: David F and Vicki L Dean, R16/18-1, 15,830 x .01625=\$257.24 (left off Commitment)

Road Report: Donald Hutchins, MDOT, has ordered signs for the Bog Brook area of Rte 219.

Old Business:

Norton advised the Board that David Bragg did not create a subdivision when he sold a piece of land on his Fields Hill property. The third piece had been created in 1996, not 2001.

Runes updated the Board on building repairs to comply with OSHA and ADA. She has talked to Lowell Lumber about compliant door levers and sills and got estimates.

The Board decided to stay with O'Donnell for assessing and tax maps, and will purchase the interface for TRIO and CAMA.

New Business:

Gale Williams submitted the only bid for the old fire truck at Lowe's Auto Sales. McNeil moved to accept his bid of \$50.00. Silber seconded. So voted. The money will be deposited in the Fire Truck account.

Silber reported on the Transfer Station meeting. The Swap Shop and Universal Waste Building will be completed in March. Ways to increase recycling are being researched. It was agreed to change the days the Station is open because of Monday holidays. The attendants need the day after a holiday to clean up whatever was brought in on Saturday. Residents will be notified before the change takes place.

Theodore Dawicki would like house he just purchased assessed before spring. McNeil will set up an appointment with him before April 1 to take pictures and go through the house, which will be added to the spring assessing list.

Runes was directed to prorate the EMD salary as Standard did not start until September, 2006.

Runes will set up meetings with the FY07 Budget Committee. She had sent out budget information and worksheets to the Committee and went over the documents with several members who came in before the meeting and with Cushing and Schneider at the meeting.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant sent a report on calls and responses in Sumner during 2006.

Other-notices of meetings:

Oxford County Municipal Officers meeting, January 24: history of Canton's flooding

Maine Municipal Bond Bank grant program

SAD #39 School Board agenda: Joint Pilot Superintendent Position between SAD 17 and SAD 39

MMWAC agenda and minutes

AVCOG February meeting

Transfer Station financial statements

911 public information system meeting, Buckfield High School, January 24

The meeting ended at 9:25 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 13, 2007, 7:00 PM

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Edwin Hinshaw and George Twine reporting for the Advertiser Democrat. The Minutes of January 23, 2007 and Warrant #16 were received and approved. Checks 5590-5614 and Receipts 1726-1764 were verified by McNeil.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Pickering violations. McNeil attended the Planning Board meeting and reported on their discussion with Daniel Pickering. Pickering has stopped work on the property. The Board directed him to fill out a building notification with septic plans attached. He has contacted a soil scientist and will submit the notification when he has the plans. He does have a holding tank that Abbott will inspect.

Forms and Reports signed:

Forest Management and Harvest Plan for Daniel and Deborah Pickering, R6, Lot 14

Supplements: Daniel and Deborah Pickering-TG withdrawal of 2 AC MW

Appointments: Edwin Hinshaw to Budget Committee to 8/31/07

Homeless count in Sumner as of 1/31/07-none

Road Report: Donald Hutchins, MDOT, has put up the warning signs at the Bog Brook section of Rte. 219. Hinshaw said the Road Committee wants more information from the Comprehensive Plan Committee—the Plan needs to have revisions on the road data.

Old Business:

The procedure for handling citizen-petitioned ordinances was outlined in a letter from Kristin Collins, MMA staff attorney. Hearings can be held, but no changes can be made to the original. A revised document can be petitioned and presented again for town meeting vote or the selectmen can present their own article. McNeil stated he is not interested in working on re-wording the marijuana enforcement proposal. Silber suggested a public hearing on March 27 at the elementary school at 6:30 PM. Runes will close the Office early that evening. Norton will notify the Committee and the public. The Selectpersons will have a brief meeting after the hearing.

Norton informed the Board that the children of Lois Gammon have deeded the property, R19, Lot 10, back to her. This action voids the creation of a subdivision. In November 2009, she will have owned the property for five years and may then deed to her three children.

New Business:

A policy was adopted stating that jobs of over \$2,500 will go out to bid. If the job is under \$2,500, the Board may bid if so desired. The policy may be amended in the future at the discretion of the Board.

The Board wants CEO Sidney Abbott to enforce plumbing codes on long-term situated mobile campers.

Runes advised the Board that 31 automatic foreclosure notices will go out 2/21/07 on unpaid 2004/2005 tax liens.

Silber talked to Fire Chief Robert Stewart. The Department will use Operating Funds to pay for the electrical work that needs to be done. They are looking at a newer pumper in VT and want to talk to the Selectpersons and Budget Committee. Runes will research bonding costs for new and used trucks.

McNeil suggested the Town may want to require apartment owners or owners of rental properties to submit water tests to the Town. As the owner of a mobile home park, this is something that McNeil is required to do to ensure the safety of his tenants. Silber responded that without an ordinance, the Town cannot request anything. Norton will get a sample ordinance for the Ordinance Committee.

Other:

Financial account balances as of 1/31/07 were available for review.

Assessing will be done April 19 and 20 by O'Donnell's firm. Silber will discuss assessing with the Regionalization Committee.

The MMA informational flyer will be added to the Town Report.

A FEMA check, DR 1591, in the amount of \$8,861.09 was received 1/26/07.

Hinshaw, McNeil and Daniel Perron are interested in attending a workshop for Planning and Appeals Boards.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 27, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Sumner Firemen's Association members Robert Stewart, Steven McGinty, Robert Walder, Maurice Hart and Edwin Hinshaw, resident Stephen Peters and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of February 13, 2007 and Warrant #17 were received and approved. Checks 5615-5643 and Receipts 1765-1790 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: McGinty introduced Hart as a new member of the Fire Department and a registered Maine Guide. Hart has offered a raffle for a guided bear hunt and lodging to benefit the Association. The hunt is geared to out-of-state hunters for the fall of 2007. The Association wants to place ads in Boston papers and on the Town's web page. As a non-profit organization, the Association can legally hold a raffle across state lines. The Town cannot be involved, but can post a link to the Fire Department's web page. Norton asked to speak as a Sumner citizen. She expressed her disappointment that an organization that works so hard to save lives and property would resort to baiting, hunting and killing another animal.

Stewart said the Department is expecting a packet on trucks from Vermont. He said the tanker is old, unreliable and does not pump. It needs a portable pump and the tank is not baffled, causing the water to slosh and the truck to tip. He said the Department has 14 trained and active members and new station equipment. Now they need trucks and there are no grants. Runes has done some research on bonding. Stewart hopes to bond a loan for 15 years and make payments with the \$10,000 set aside at Town Meeting each year. Silber noted that the transfer station bond will be paid in 2009; there will be \$30,000 available after the fall of 2009 that could be used to pay the loan sooner.

Stewart said at least one member of the Department will try to attend the meetings more often. He will get information to the Budget Committee along with a 15-year plan.

Forms and Reports:

An Open Space enrollment application was accepted from Joseph and Linda Glass; the rate will be 20% off the standard value.

The Board received a Draft Emergency Operations Plan from Thomas Standard, EMD, for review.

Road Report: Keach said he has been steaming culverts. He has blocked off the Russell Road Bridge. He will post the roads to 20,000 lbs. from March 1 to May 25.

Old Business:

The Public Hearing Notice for the marijuana enforcement ordinance has been posted and sent to interested parties. Sheriff Gallant sent a letter stating that a town ordinance cannot be enforced by the Sheriff's Office or the State Police. Jonathan Leavitt sent an e-mail to Runes saying they "can certainly work with the SelectBoard to change anything that ends up not making sense". (He had been notified by Norton and Runes that the petition cannot be changed.) Edwin Hinshaw will moderate the hearing.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the plowing contract for the Town Office and Fire Station. The dry hydrants have not been plowed out and the fire station doors and back deck were not cleared. Hinckley and McNeil have both called Contractor Skip Stanley who responded and cleared the parking lots and moved the snow banks. Hinshaw said that David Spugnardi shovels out the hydrant on Rte. 140 and Bob Walder does the Valley Road hydrant. He added that the Redding Road hydrant freezes up and the Cottage Road hydrant is broken. The Board will revise the next contract and meet with the contractor about expectations.

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA MARCH 13, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, residents Mary Ann Haxton and Stephen Peters, George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of February 27, 2007 were read and corrected and approved. Warrant #18 was signed by the Board. Checks 5644—5675 and Receipts 1791—1814 were verified by McNeil.

CEO Sidney Abbott received a faxed copy of the Consent Agreement signed by Daniel and Deborah Pickering. Mrs. Pickering told Runes that she will mail the original and that she has contacted Nickerson's to pump out the tank.

The Board wants Abbott enforce plumbing codes for long-term mobile campers. He said he can't do anything until the snow is gone.

Forms and Reports:

The Board signed an Application for a Veteran's Exemption for Robert H Gregory and appointed Abbott as CEO/LPI to 8/31/07. A CEO Job Description will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the Draft Emergency Operations Plan from Thomas Standard, EMD. Standard is looking for comments and suggestions.

Norton will call about the AVCOG participation form for HHW and UW; the Transfer Station should be fully functional very soon.

Road Report: Keach asked Norton to forward the request for a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign to Donald Hutchins at MDOT. The sign was requested by MSAD #39. Keach has been steaming frozen culverts.

Old Business:

McNeil contacted Richard Flewelling, MMA attorney, about the marijuana enforcement ordinance and received a copy of his advice to Farmington's town manager. Flewelling believes the petition is not legally binding because the ordinance is "ultra vires". McNeil submitted a written opinion and moved to cancel the March 27 town hearing and reject the petitioned ordinance as received. There was no second. The motion was dismissed. Hinckley said he was concerned about constitutional procedure and a possible lawsuit. Silber added that the Board should let it take its course; he personally does not want to stifle democracy. He noted that the number of signers was greater than the attendance at the last town meeting.

Lt. Donald Pomelow, Maine State Police, wrote, "Where this proposal is solely a municipal ordinance, it would not be enforced by members of the State Police. It would only affect municipal law enforcement officers working directly for the Town of Sumner. This ordinance also appears to contradict current state laws and would not be enforceable."

Hinckley has attended the School Budget Meetings and said that Superintendent Richard Colpitts is trying to stay within TABOR limits, but the budget will be double last year's amount. Hinckley met with Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes to discuss the budget and possible cuts. He wanted the opinion of the rest of the Board before he went to the next meeting. The Board is concerned about increased budget costs.

New Business:

A Sumner resident came in before the meeting to discuss problems between residents on Arthur Allen and Kitridge Roads with maintenance. He would like to have a meeting at the Office called by the Town to work out maintenance and reimbursement. The Board stated the Town cannot be involved in matters concerning a public easement road, which is what the resident had been told. Hinckley will talk to him.

McNeil moved to authorize Runes to send out a bulk mailing between warrants for the EMA Committee. Silber seconded. So voted.

Animal Control Officer Dannie Paine is very concerned about the number of stray cats being dropped off at his shelter. He has no more room and the cats must be euthanized.

Standard submitted a request for EMA funds. Silber offered to donate an old laptop. McNeil moved to authorize Standard to spend \$675 to pick up necessary items for the EMA account. Silber seconded. So voted. Standard will also check into Maine Surplus Property.

McNeil responded to a call about a dog carcass dumped on Railroad Drive. He contacted the person whose name was on the box and then disposed of the dog.

Other:

Runes gave the Account Activity Report through 2/28/07 to each selectperson to review.

McNeil, Haxton, Edwin Hinshaw and Daniel Perron will attend the MMA Planning/Appeals Board Workshop.

Keach took the information on AVCOG bid specs for culverts, signs and vehicles.

Public Hearing on proposed marijuana enforcement ordinance-March 27, 6:30 PM

SAD #39 Budget Meeting-March 28, 6:00 PM, Superintendent's Office

SAD #39 Ad Hoc Meeting-March 29, 6:30 PM, BHS

EMA 3-town meeting for selectmen and fire departments-April 25

AVCOG Spring General Assembly meeting-April 27

The meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 27, 2007

The meeting began at 7:25 PM following a public hearing in the elementary school concerning the proposed ordinance on the enforcement of adult marijuana use.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Mary Ann Haxton and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

Warrant #19 was signed by the Board. Checks 5676—5703 and Receipts 1815—1839 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Haxton reported that the Ordinance Update Committee is half-way through Shoreland Zoning. CEO Sidney Abbott received the contract between Nickerson's and Daniel and Deborah Pickering to pump the tank when requested.

Forms and Reports:

A Farmland Application was accepted from Jeremy and Tanya Johnson on R16, Lot 18B.

Tree Growth Applications were accepted for Tanya and Kai Vlahos on R15, Lot 41, Robert Marstaller on R20, Lot 17, and George and Christl Vlahos on R15, Lot 41B.

Road Report: Keach shoveled a ditch on Sumner Hill and steamed culverts. He will check out the potholes on Bonney Road, Heath Hill and other roads. Donald Hutchins sent word that the school bus signs would cost \$75.00 each and must be installed by the State on Rte. 219. The Board approved the installation; Norton will notify MSAD #39 of the cost.

Old Business: McNeil moved to accept the revised CEO Job Description. Silber seconded. So voted.

The Description will be signed at the next meeting and forwarded to the SPO with the notice of appointment.

New Business: Runes reported that new ADA compliant door locks have been installed and approved by CEO Sidney Abbott.

The Board approved the installation of a large framed tax map in the Planning Board room and expressed appreciation to Henri Arsenault for his work on it. They also approved selling small copies of the map for \$10.00 and contributing \$5.50 to the Sumner Scholarship Fund.

Other:

March 28-SAD #39 Budget Meeting

March 29-SAD #39 Ad Hoc Meeting

April 14 and 28-CERT Training

April 19 and 20-assesssing

April 25-EMA meeting for selectmen and fire departments

McNeil noted that he had met with Standard and made a few changes in the Emergency Operations Plan.

The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 10, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton and Martha Elkin and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of March 13 and 27, 2007 and Warrant 20 were reviewed and approved. Checks 5704—5731 and Receipts 1840—1882 were verified by McNeil

Open Session: Haxton said that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee met and decided to combine with the Plan Committee as the Implementation Committee. They will have a proposal for the Budget Committee and expect the informational sign to cost \$1,500. The Ordinance Committee had a productive meeting and will meet again May 15. They hope to have the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance ready for Annual Town Meeting.

Elkin said that she is concerned about the EMA Committee and the lack of agreement and discussion on the Plan. EMD Thomas Standard is moving the Plan forward rapidly—she expected the Committee would help Standard plan the Town's response. McNeil noted that the Plan is based on a template and that Standard is revising it to fit Sumner and asking for input from various groups that would be part of the implementation. Standard will probably ask the Committee to help with specific sections of the Plan, such as setting up the Neighbors Care Program. Elkin will try to attend the combined meeting for the 3 towns' selectmen and fire departments.

Forms and Reports:

ACO warrant for unlicensed dogs

CEO Job Description and Notice of Appointment for SPO-accepted and signed

Veterans Exemption Application: Larry Conant, correction on Robert Gregory-did not serve in a federally recognized war period—he will be notified

GA Quarterly Report—one claim of \$213.56 @ 50% reimbursement

Notification of Utility Location Permit at Rte. 219, west of Valley Road

Old Business:

The School District will pay for the bus stop signs on Main Street.

Runes notified the Board of the expired lien on the Herbert Ellis Estate, which has tenants in residence. A notice will be sent by certified mail to the tenants advising them that they must vacate the property by May 31, 2007. Norton will send O'Donnell's assessors to review the building value before the bid notice is sent out. Bids will be due June 26 with a tentative minimum bid of \$35,000 depending on the review.

New Business:

Standard brought in paperwork notifying the town of a MEMA grant of \$8,100 for Public Awareness and Preparedness Publications and Distribution.

The Board is not interested in the MSAD #39 lottery for used ½ ton pickup which needs considerable work. McNeil is not sure the used air conditioner he had offered will be suitable for the Office. He would like to research central air.

Gary Paradis came in before the meeting and said that Andrews Road and Shagg Pond Road were not plowed on April 5 or since. He asked his brother to plow him out. Hinckley will talk to Lowe. Hinckley said he called Lowe after he received a call from Harvey Gallin about Decoster Road. Lowe responded and plowed the next day.

Other:

McNeil opened a discussion about a larger fire station and a town-owned location for the salt pile. Silber is concerned about increasing the budget and taxes to add on to the station. Several locations were mentioned for the salt pile; McNeil will talk to Clifford Lowe about buying the land where the pile is stored.

Account fund balances through March 31, 2007 were available for review.

Upcoming meetings were listed.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 24, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, Budget Committee members Edwin Hinshaw and Mary Ann Haxton, residents Stephen Peters and Maurice Hart and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of April 10, 2007 and Warrant #21 were reviewed and approved. Checks 5732-5761 and Receipts 1883-1902 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Resident Richard Rosenbluth called to say he is very concerned about the environmental impact of the proposed low flying training jets. Silber suggested a resolution at Town Meeting, but due to time constraints, the Board will write to legislators and the agency.

Peters asked where notices for Town business are posted now that Litchfield's Store is closed. They are posted at the Town Office and Post Office and online. Peters and Silber offered to post in Buckfield.

McNeil told the Board that Hart is very interested in taking over as ACO when Dannie Paine gives notice as his health is failing. He said the position would need to be posted and that Hart needs to take care of the barking dog problem. McNeil thinks the Town can continue to use Paine's shelter and said the Town needs to address the issue of Paine's health. Hart said he is taking wild animal rescue and can get a wild animal permit. He has a relative who is an ACO who would assist him when needed. He assured Silber that he does know how to deal with the public; it is part of his job as a registered guide. He said that he has 8 dogs plus pups. He is using bark collars, but they cannot be left on for more than a day or two. He is doing what he can, but the dogs are restless in the spring. McNeil suggested that if Hart wants to be considered for ACO, he should put up a large dog shelter that would keep the nuisance barkers inside so they would not be heard.

Hinckley reported on the school budget, which will be presented to the full board on May 2. Haxton and Hinshaw feel it is important for a citizen's group to be in attendance.

Forms and Reports:

The Estate Tax Return for Lien Discharge on the former Ellis property was signed.

FEMA-1592-DR-ME, sent notice of payment coming in the amount of \$4,771.35 for March 28-May 3, 2005.

The Board agreed to pay dues to Oxford County Municipal Officers Association in the amount of \$15.00.

GA reimbursement of \$106.78 was received.

Standard submitted a Revised Emergency Management Manual. He asked if there was a chance of storing fuel at Litchfield's Store or another place for emergencies. Possibilities were suggested; no decision made.

Road Report: Keach has a sweeper for roads and Office parking lots on his list of projects.

He reported on the April 16-17 storm damage. Upper Sumner Hill, Barrows and Arthur Allen Roads received the worst damage. He has put \$1300 into preliminary repairs and noted that the roads are very soft. He has been grading and hauling gravel on Bradeen, Tuell Hill, and Valley Roads. He is asking for State input on a large hole at the bridge on Redding Road. The estimate is \$40,000 and will be added to the storm damage pre-mitigation plan.

There will be a Road Committee meeting on May 3. Runes will notify the members.

Old Business:

Bid notices on the tax acquired property will be sent out asking for a minimum bid of \$25,000.

New Business:

Hinckley abstained from signing the notice to abutters regarding the removal of Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge on Russell Road. Hinshaw wondered if the road could become a private road so that the bridge could be left in place. The Town could vote to extinguish all rights to the road. Haxton asked if the abutters, who are the actual owners, could rebuild the bridge. Standard said that his research on public easement roads indicated that the property owners could rebuild the bridge. The proposed options to be stated in the letter are 1) the Town removes the bridge, 2) the abutters replace the bridge at their cost, 3) the voters are asked to extinguish the public easement and the road becomes a private way. Norton will not send the letter until there is a definite answer to the options from MDOT or MMA.

The Town is taking part in Operation Cleanup through the Sheriff's Department. On May 3, a crew will be cleaning up the flower beds and lawns.

Other:

Account fund balances through March 31, 2007 and Transfer Station reports through March 31, 2007 were handed out to the Board for review.

The meeting ended at 9:55 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA MAY 8, 2007, 7:00 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, Budget Committee member Mary Ann Haxton, resident Stephen Peters, George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

1. Minutes of April 24, 2007
2. Warrant #22: Checks 5762-5793, Receipts 1903-1937
3. Open Session—Invitation to Speak: Historical Society cleaning stones in Valley Road cemetery, will map out locations and research families, Keach will reset stone in wall
4. CEO Sidney Abbott: rubbish being dumped on Railroad Drive property-Silber will call Pam Farrar (Abbott not at meeting)
5. Forms and Reports:
 - 10-year Tree Growth Certification for George and Martha Jones, R22, Lot 1
 - FEMA-1592-DR-ME received payment of \$4,771.35 for March 28-May 3, 2005
 - MDOT Biennial Capital Work Plan 2008-2009 @ www.mainedot.gov
6. Road Report: sweeper for roads and Office parking lots-done
 - Maintenance of Cottage Road beyond Fitzgerald's-no
 - "Children Playing" sign for Barrows Road/ball field-will check
 - Bid on tar for Valley Road from Pike-Pike's 1335 tons @ \$53.43/ton for 1 mile
7. Old Business:
 - Air conditioner/central air-salesman will give a price for central air
 - Land for salt pile-nothing yet
 - Removal of Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge on Russell Road; letter from Hartford property owner; waiting for answer from MMA
 - Impact of the proposed low flying training jets- 1-800-223-5612 for public concerns
8. New Business:
 - Information on executive sessions-need to post notice and cite statute
 - Will put article on warrant asking if voters want to change road commissioner from elected to appointed
 - Request from Carey & Assoc. to meet and discuss resort casino in Oxford County-July 10
 - Nomination papers available May 15 for selectperson, road commissioner, school board
9. Other:
 - Account fund balances through April 30, 2007
 - AVCOG annual report
 - May 9—School Board meeting and Town Budget Committee
 - May 15—John O'Donnell will come in to go over changes in CAMA
 - May 16—EMA meeting for 3 towns' selectmen and fire departments, Buckfield, 6:30 PM
 - May 19—Dedication of Vietnam War Memorial for Oxford County in Rumford
 - May 22—Jonathan Leavitt, marijuana policy ordinance, Selectpersons' meeting
 - May 23—Oxford County Municipal Officers' Meeting, Porter, Substance Abuse
 - June 12—Referendum voting in meeting room (regular meeting night)