

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 14, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee member Wilda Dunham, Auxiliary member Lana Pratt, EMD Thomas Standard and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of June 23, 2009 and Warrant #1 were received and approved. Checks 7269—7294 (\$64,703.00) and Receipts 1441—1459 (\$6,931.68) were verified by Haxton. (Warrant #26, Checks 7258-7268 (\$8,659.21) was signed on June 30 and verified by Haxton.)

Open Session: Mary Standard handed out a Swap Shop Activity Report and Chart showing almost 29,000 pounds of items being taken out of the waste stream in 2009. She and the Committee are hopeful that the Foundation Grant will come through for \$5,000 that will allow them to connect the sheds and install doors to keep the volunteers warm and dry.

### Forms:

The Board signed the Letter of Engagement for Hoisington and Bean auditors for 2009.

The Annual Town Meeting Warrant was signed; there will be an overdraft article for General Assistance; a Citizens' Petition has requested an article to raise funds for surveying and clearing a portion of R20, Lot 14 for a MET tower. There will be an informational hearing on wind power at 6:00 PM. Norton will notify townspeople through the e-mail list.

Supplement: Bertil W Johnson, \$10,070 camp, R20, Lot 40-4, building had not been assessed previously

### Reports

Floodplain Management Ordinance was accepted by the State Planning Office

FEMA sent CDs of maps and flood rate insurance-Haxton took them and will contact AVCOG about paper maps.

AVCOG requested 2 representatives for the General Assembly-no interest

FEMA funds should be available for June 15-July 7 rain damage; Road Commissioner Keach and EMD Standard will need to attend a meeting. Standard sent in the paperwork with figures for Sumner's damage.

Financial statements were available through June 30, 2009

Butterfield Estates, LLC, was issued a park license for seven sites from the State of Maine Manufactured Housing Board.

The Project Canopy survey will be completed by Norton.

Road Report: Keach has ditched Barrows and Bradeen Roads and graded Valley, Redding, Decoster and Rosenberg Roads. He said they will all be graded when the rain stops. There may be a plugged culvert on Valley Road, but he can't get a look until the water goes down. He is negotiating with Jason Gammon about placing a culvert across Redding Road and draining onto Gammon's land to try to eliminate the runoff and icing over Redding Road in the winter.

### Old Business:

Hinckley and Haxton will take care of the assessing at the Paradis home in response to his question about the condition of completion.

The Hart dogs were brought up again in response to calls about whether or not the dogs were being cared for. ACO Dannie Paine met with Hart at the property and saw the dogs and was satisfied, but he is unable to walk down to inspect the kennel. Norton called Hart and talked to him about the dogs and the concerns that had been brought up. He brought his five dogs to the Office. They appeared clean and healthy. He said he lost five dogs over the winter to bad food and now prepares their food himself and he goes every day to feed and water them. He said he e-mailed pictures of the dogs and kennels to the State Veterinarian's Office in response to a complaint this last winter and was told that he was compliant. Hinckley will inspect the kennels for first-hand knowledge about the complaints.

### New Business:

Wilda Dunham, one of the four Helicopter Pad Oversight Committee members, talked to the Board about the paving bids for helicopter pad. She and Pratt met with Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, contractor David Bragg, and Road Committee member Lawrence Litchfield to discuss the bid specifications prior to the Selectpersons' meeting. Stewart was willing to accept a bid from Rob Robillard of Pine Tree Paving to pave the 100' x 100' area for \$8,000 plus \$3,500 to Bragg for his equipment.

This would be one coat of re-claimed asphalt. Dunham was not willing to go with anything other than the two coats of hot top recommended by LifeFlight. (Tom Judge sent Haxton his specifications for the pad.) Dunham said she and Stewart disagreed about the original intent of the pad; she said the pad was always intended as a helicopter landing pad. Bragg said Robillard would like to submit a bid on two coats on the three different sizes and would have it in on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Dunham said she would accept the bid on the 15<sup>th</sup> and bring them all to the next Selectpersons' meeting on July 28.

The Clerk's vacation time was approved.

Megalink Services, Glacial Energy, has a proposal to lower electricity costs by 13%. A representative called the Office and said he would give Selectman Mark Silber the information.

Haxton will consider attending the Oxford County Budget Committee Caucus.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 28, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber (5:00-5:45), Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley (7:00-8:00), Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Wilda Dunham and Walter Litchfield and residents Lana Pratt, Ingrid Eriksson and John Allen.

The Minutes of July 14, 2009 and Warrant #2 were received and approved. Checks 7295—7310 (\$21,133.09) and Receipts 1460—1482 (\$24,012.57) were verified by Haxton.

### Forms signed:

Abatements: Rent-Way, Inc. 2007 Personal Property tax--\$24.44; Patricia Daft MH tax--\$24.58; Cerrato R7, Lot 22B—corrected acres-\$150.01, Simpson R21, Lot 19—corrected acres-\$77.33  
General Assistance Quarterly Report--\$1,336.84 claimed for 50% reimbursement  
Certification of URIP funds-\$53,820

Reports received: Letters: Mark Green-candidate for VP for MMA; Pete the Plumber-offering furnace maintenance; Stuart Davis-Davis Land Surveying would like to bid on survey of Town land R20, Lot 14( he will be asked for an estimate); Sheri Fowler-Transfer Station concerns (will forward to Glen Holmes); Ray Blanchard-designed ergonomic snow/grain shovel

Road Committee meeting, July 21: Hinckley had notes he had taken. The Committee discussed grants and stimulus funds. Jasniewski had contacted Rep. Terry Hayes. Standard was still concerned about the proper closing of town ways to public easement roads. Keach got estimates on engineering a road reconstruction project from \$15,000 to \$30,000, depending on the scope of the engineering.

Planning Board minutes July 21

### Old Business:

Hinckley took care of the assessing at the Paradis home on R20, Lot 6C. Norton will figure the valuation and send them a card.

The situation with the Hart dogs is pending. Reports on the care of the dogs vary from good to bad and the kennel has not been inspected.

### New Business:

There were no bids for the tax-acquired property on R6, Lot 3.

Dunham had a recommendation for the paving bids for the helicopter pad. However, Litchfield felt the job could be done much cheaper and expected Tom Judge to send a revision on LifeFlight's needs. He would like to have the maximum area for training and for LifeFlight. He asked that the decision be tabled until August 10. Dunham said the Auxiliary had about \$7,000, LifeFlight would donate \$1,500 and the Fire Department might donate \$6,000. Litchfield and Dunham did not agree on the outcome of their meeting on July 21. Litchfield said he did not know the Board would be making a decision at this meeting and he thought the Fire Chief should have been notified of the meeting. (Note: The Fire Chief is part of the Oversight Committee. Dunham had been directed to bring the bids to this meeting by the Board on July 14.) Dunham said she has already asked three times and did not want to ask again. Silber and Haxton expressed concern about the Committee's disagreement and the way in which the bidding is being handled. It was decided to have the Committee make a recommendation on the specifications to the Board on August 10. Norton will send out bid notices to be due on August 25. Pratt and Eriksson will be appointed to the Committee on August 10. Jane Stevens does not wish to be on the Committee due to family members involved in the construction of the pad.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 10, 2009

The meeting began at 11:00 PM following the Annual Town Meeting.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, and Secretary Cynthia Norton. Congratulations to Hinckley and Keach for their re-elections.

The Minutes of July 28, 2009 and Warrant #3 were received and approved. Checks 7311—7339 (\$59,540.99) and Receipts 1483—1505 (\$19,490.48) were verified by Haxton.

### Forms and Reports:

Appointments: Lana Pratt 08/11, A. Ingrid Eriksson 08/10-Helicopter Pad Oversight Committee

Census Bureau request for locations of homeless shelters in Sumner-none

Planning Board Minutes August 4, 2009

Road Committee Minutes July 21, 2009

Letter of thanks from Buckfield Selectmen for Sumner's Firefighters response to the fire at Lowell Lumber

MMA Risk Management Services has refunded the Town \$103.00 for good management practices

Road Report: Keach has been mowing the roadsides. Paving bids for finishing Fields Hill Road were received from RC and Sons for \$60.32/T, Pine Tree for \$64.85/T, Rampart for \$76.25/T and Pike for \$79.50/T. The bid will be awarded to RC and Sons Paving.

### Old Business:

Hart dogs-Other neighbors are noting apparent neglect and continuous barking. Hinckley said that Hart may be getting rid of the dogs; the Board agreed that ACO Dannie Paine needs to take Hart to court.

Glen Holmes sent a new list of recyclables for the Transfer Station.

### New Business:

Paving specs for helicopter pad were handled by the Committee. Bid notices will not be sent out; the Committee has chosen a contractor.

Runes will take the Town Clerk's Mandatory Training on Wednesday, October 7.

The Office has an applicant for cleaning starting in September; Runes will contact references.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 25, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, EMD Thomas Standard, Committee members Wilda Dunham and Lana Pratt, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Aaron Sines from FEMA, Mary Standard for the Sun Journal and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of August 10, 2009 and Warrant #4 were received and approved. Checks 7340—7385 (\$35,291.89) and Receipts 1506—1532 (\$28,624.51) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Glen Holmes sent notice that a \$2,000 grant from Maine Communities Foundation had been received for Swap Shop renovations. The Board approved taking about \$3,000 from the Transfer Station general fund to complete the work.

Sines attended to go over the 404 HMPG program and to add to the Town's list of roads that need hazard mitigation. He mentioned 406 funds for a public assistance declaration for damage. The Town's only road on the list is Heath Hill Road. Keach applied for paving, which is considered capital improvement and not eligible. Sines assured the Board that the list is not binding and can be added to at any time, but he urged them to give him road projects in anticipation of funds and stressed that the projects need to be cost beneficial. The Town's portion of funds would be 25%. Listed: 1) Bradeen-1500' ditching, riprap, \$10,000; 2) Decoster-1' x .5 mile elevation, gravel, riprap, \$45,000; 3) Black Mountain-1500' ditching, gravel, riprap, upgrade culvert, \$50,000; 4) Heath Hill-sink holes, fabric, 2' x 1500' gravel, \$30,000; 5) Valley-1' x 600' gravel, fabric, \$2,500-\$5,000. Sines also noted that records should be kept of recurring damage on roads.

CEO Abbott explained his procedure on the site visit to the Abbott Pond Road property. The Office received a call that lumber trucks had been traveling up the road with a question as to who might be building. There was no record of a building notification so Abbott was called to make a site visit. He said he saw a pile of lumber and a road that led through a wooded area to the Pothier property on Redding Road. He sat in his truck and talked with the daughter after identifying himself. Mr. Pothier called the Office and Mrs. Pothier came in. Both were quite angry about the intrusion on their property and said their daughter was very upset and did not know who Abbott was. The Board is considering issuing pictures IDs to all employees and will discuss the procedure for entering posted property. Abbott said he does not want to set up appointments if there is an issue that he needs to look into. He will be following up with the Williams and LaMontagne properties. He signed Form 1190 for Steven Borstelmann.

### Forms and Reports:

Storm damage August 21-Standard said there will not be any FEMA funds issued. The storm was too localized and small to be declared a public disaster. He will contact Scott Parker about HMPG funds reimbursing his local EMA funds. Stewart said the Fire Department's emergency fund will pay to replace a Canton Fire chainsaw. There will be a debriefing critique on September 8 at 6:00 PM before the Selectpersons' meeting.

Thank you notes were signed for responders from Buckfield, Canton, and the Salvation Army.

A contract with Pine Tree Paving to pave the heli pad for \$12,000 was accepted.

MMWAC Executive Committee appointment-Mary Ann Haxton to 8/31/10

MMWAC Year-End Summary; will be sending reports by e-mail

Fire Department Minutes of July 10, 2009

Hinckley will continue as Maintenance Supervisor.

MDOT is offering a free Sensible Transportation Handbook; Norton will request one.

Road Report: RC & Sons Paving submitted a bid of \$75.20/ton for approximately 180 tons to pave Gammon Road in conjunction with Fields Hill. The bid was accepted. Keach put out gravel on Arthur Allen, Hadley and Andrews Roads, but expects the storm to have washed most of it. He has a crew working on Bonney Road. He purchased a tow-behind roller from State Surplus.

### Old Business:

ACO and dog issues: Silber and Runes have received calls about the Hart dogs since the last meeting. Silber will call ACO Dannie Paine to see when he will issue the court summons and talk to him about his response to calls for assistance. A job description will be discussed at the next meeting along with other paid positions. The Board will be reviewing personnel over the next few months.

New Business:

Mowing former landfill on Rte. 140-Dana Stevens will mow (dba Dana's Digging and Yardwork)

Repairing "Welcome to Sumner" signs-Haxton will look at the signs and see what is needed.

Appointees needed for Committees: Norton and Haxton will contact current committee members.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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

The Minutes of August 25, 2009 and Warrant #5 were received and approved. Checks 7386—7414 (\$67,645.26) and Receipts 1533—1563 (\$103,486.49) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Ozzie Hart, Animal Control Officer and Animal Damage Control, was appointed as ACO for Sumner for 90 days. He and Robert Larrabee are covering many of the area towns temporarily. Larrabee runs Allen Hill Animal Shelter; Hart will take strays there. He does live trapping and relocates with State assistance. He will be paid \$110/month plus mileage. He discussed his methods and legal procedures to deal with issues that arise. He noted that he has 24 hours to respond to a call, but usually responds immediately.

Forms and Reports:

Supplements for TG withdrawal-Susan A, David L Bryant, R7, Lot 22D; Eugene S Lucas, R1, Lot 23D

Form 801A-Personal Property for Coca-Cola

Tree Growth applications-Michael W Coleman, R2, Lot 6A

Minutes from Planning Board 9/1/09

Updates from DHHS

DOL-Personal Protective Equipment written assessment needs to be provided by the fire chief.

Thank you from Community Concepts for Town Meeting contribution

Expense summaries and Account activity reports to 8/31/09

Road Report: Keach has finished paving and shimming affected driveways. He has graded Spring, Barrows, Tuell Hill, Heath Hill roads and ditched Varney Road (there has been run-off from Black Mountain). He has also dealt with the beaver situation on River Road.

Old Business: The Board is not ready to put Town-owned properties out to bid.

New Business:

Letter from Carla Pelletier requesting “No Value” on old campers. Approved.

Other:

Runes was directed to ask Jim Durfee if he will oversee the roof repair and to seek bids on metal roofing to be stored at the supplier’s until spring.

The Town will go with Morton Salt for this winter’s plowing at \$68.45/T, which is down about \$10 per ton. Haxton that the Board focus on setting goals and being proactive.

There will be a Farmer’s Market on October 3 in the parking lot-hopefully, the first annual market.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of September 8, 2009 and Warrant #6 were received and approved. Checks 7415—7439 (\$104,898.23) and Receipts 1564—1602 (\$214,094.97) were verified by Haxton.

CEO Abbott said Linda LaMontagne has not met the conditions of the Notice of Violation issued in 2008 in regards to the bunkhouse. He will inspect the building later in the week and advise her that the plumbing pipes and fixtures must be removed by the first weekend in October or he will assess fines. Norton will contact her son-in-law and daughter, who have a direct interest in the building.

Forms signed:

Commit taxes: 18.40 per \$1,000 (2009 18.90), due November 21, 2009

Intent to Harvest: Timothy Helms, R1, Lot 23A, 09/08/09

Supplement: Linda LaMontagne TG withdrawal of 2 acres HW, R4, Lot 14

Tree Growth certification: Susan Ginger Gallin R3, Lot 15, Dana E, Cynthia J Stevens R9, Lot 17

Form 801A: TimePayment personal property

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Thank you from RCAM and Community Concepts

EMD Thomas Standard needs letter of support for Buckfield's Homeland Security Grant application

Request for abatement of value on buildings at U3, Lot 6, \$12,190-tabled until October

Road Report: Keach has graded Valley Road and part of River and Arthur Allen Roads. The exhaust on the grader needed to be welded and clamped.

Old Business:

Roof repair-Jim Durfee is willing to assist in project

Maurice Hart's dogs-ACO Ozzie Hart and a State Animal Welfare official gave Hart written notice to take his dogs to the veterinarian for check-ups and to deal with wounds, or to face the loss of the animals. Silber will call ACO Hart for more information as he has not given a verbal or written report to the Board.

New Business:

ACO-job description will be posted; applications are due October 27.

Hinckley will bring a recorder to the next meeting as Norton will not be there.

Other:

October 13-Tornado response review

October 20-Road Committee 7:00 PM

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 13, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Road Commissioner James Keach, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, EMD Thomas Standard and resident Maurice Hart.

The Minutes of September 22, 2009 and Warrant #7 were received and approved. Checks 7440—7476 (\$148,396.90) and Receipts 1603—1656 (\$121,055.38) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Stewart brought up the purchase of a new fire truck. The fund has over \$95,000. He thinks there is a company in Georgia that might have a lease option. Using the Maine Bond Bank would delay the process until April 2010. He will pursue the lease option and funds for further discussion at the December 8 meeting.

CEO: Linda LaMontagne's son-in-law sent word that he has removed the plumbing from the bunkhouse.

The Office received an Intent to Harvest for Charles and Mona Tripp, R8, Lot 20.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Tax Commitment-signed again, original document had figures in wrong space

Tree Growth certification: Paul Chesley R8, 17D

Abatement: Nathan J Austin, R16, Lot 18-3-Homestead Exemption left off

Oxford County Assessor's Return-\$43,417 for 2009 County taxes

ME Bond Bank issued a refund of \$2,541.04

GA Ordinance Appendices A-C were adopted

Thank you from REACH

Road Report: Keach has been grading and had Hinckley do some welding on the roller. He also took care of a beaver problem on Gammon Road.

Old Business:

Maurice Hart said he has sold his dogs. He did acknowledge receiving 6 summonses on September 16, which was after he sold his dogs.

Tornado response review: Standard went over his written report and suggested adding bridges to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that a decision needs to be made on the use of volunteers. The Fire Chief thought overall everything went well, but said that if the equipment had been brought sooner, the job would have been done quicker. Road Commissioner Keach noted that he should have been notified earlier. Part of the process should be to make sure all officials are notified initially and immediately. Another discussion is planned for December 8.

New Business:

Letters from Bertil Johnson, Sally Sicard, and Elizabeth DeBrosky McDonald requesting adjustments on building values will be discussed at a November meeting.

Thank you to Mary Ann for taking notes.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA OCTOBER 27, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Mary Standard of the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of October 13, 2009 and Warrant #8 were received, corrected and approved. Checks 7477—7491 (\$22,827.09) and Receipts 1657—1674 (\$110,203.04) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Glen Holmes called before the meeting to ask for approval to draft a memo of understanding for an interlocal agreement for the MMWAC Proportionate Share of Sumner's liability and assets. Holmes is suggesting 35% and 65%.

CEO: LaMontagne bunkhouse has been inspected and is in compliance.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Tree Growth certification: Russell G and Marilyn B Chesley R8, Lot 17

Form 801A-Personal Property for Coca-Cola as of 4/1/09

Municipal Valuation Return

General Assistance Quarterly Return

Sensible Transportation Handbook-2 more hard copies will be ordered

Planning Board Minutes of October 6 and 20, 2009

Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station financial reports for 7/01/09-9/30/09

Swap Shop 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report-addition built to connect containers, very dedicated volunteers

Account Activity Reports through 9/30/09

Thank you from Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee

Road Committee Minutes of October 20, 2009; the next meeting will be November 17.

Road Report: Keach has cut brush and cleaned sand away from the Rte 219 and Heath Hill intersection.

He plans to grade all roads before winter and will start with the Barrows Road.

New Business:

Animal Control Officer applications-Osman Hart, interim ACO, submitted an application. Haxton will check his references. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Plowing budget for helicopter pad-Runes will ask Dennis McAlister for a price and then check with Wilda Dunham about the Auxiliary's intentions.

Complaint about Andrews Road maintenance: Hinckley and Keach do not see a need for maintenance as there are no potholes and there is nothing wrong with the road.

Abbott Pond Road continues to wash into Redding Road, but Keach receives many complaints from residents whenever he does any work on the road, which is not a town way.

Thank you to Susan for taking notes.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton and Mary Standard of the SunJournal.

The Minutes of October 27, 2009 and Warrant #9 were received and approved. Checks 7492—7525 (\$73,377.60) and Receipts 1675—1706 (\$108,044.97) were verified by Haxton.

CEO: Intent to Harvest Notice: Dwight M Dwinal for multiple lots.

Forms and Reports:

Tree Growth certification (10-year): Michael L, Linda A Korhonen, R4, Lot 5

Financial statements were available; Runes said 30% of taxes have been received.

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PUC-seeking feedback on DigSafe program; will be held for next meeting

Road Report: Keach will put up a “Children Playing” sign on Front Street as requested by a resident.

Old Business:

Plowing budget for helicopter pad—Runes does not have a figure from D&D Excavating, but the Fire Auxiliary will pay for plowing for the 2009/2010 season.

Silber and Haxton will visit the Sicard house, Johnson camp and DeBrosky house to review the valuations in response to owner requests.

New Business:

Animal Control Officer—Haxton will finalize reference checks this week, but the Board agreed on conditional employment per positive references. Runes will relay this to Osman Hart and determine which shelter he will use. She will fill out the Animal Welfare Program information request on ACO and shelters.

Silber is hoping that Thomas Standard will be able to write a grant for the Town to replace the roof.

The PUC is offering grants to communities for energy efficient projects.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 24, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Wilda Dunham and Lana Pratt, Duke Harrington for the Advertiser Democrat and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of November 10, 2009 and Warrant #10 were received and approved. Checks 7526—7546 (\$45,083.28) and Receipts 1707—1733 (\$317,762.38) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: ACO Osman Hart brought the Board up-to-date concerning Maurice Hart's court summons for six cases of barking dogs and for animal cruelty. He stressed the need for a Town attorney to represent the Town on the barking dog issue in February 2010 as this is a town ordinance. Haxton will contact Ron Hoffman, who lives in Sumner and is an attorney. Hart expects the District Attorney to pursue the charges of animal cruelty, although there seems to be some reluctance from the State Department of Animal Welfare. Currently the dogs have been surrendered to other kennels and homes. Maurice Hart is residing outside of Sumner.

### Forms and Reports:

Appointments: Osman Hart, Animal Control Officer, 8/31/10

Ralph Dunn, Arrabine Dunn Emergency Relief Fund, 8/31/12

Animal Welfare Program-information requested on ACO and shelters; Hart uses Allen Hill

Financial statements on the Fiduciary Accounts were available.

PUC-seeking feedback on DigSafe program-Keach has nothing to report

Sensible Transportation Handbooks-Hinckley reviewed his copy and sees little benefit for Sumner

Road Committee minutes November 17-Hinckley said George Jones is doing a good job as chair and is attending meetings in other locales looking for funding ideas. The next meeting will be December 15.

Planning Board minutes November 17

Hazard Mitigation Projects for Sumner were updated by EMD Thomas Standard.

Silber said the deadline passed for PUC energy efficiency grant.

Road Report: Keach will call a landowner about the large rocks in the road right-of-way on Black Mountain Road. The rocks are a potential hazard for the plow truck. He put up a "Children Playing" sign on Front Street and the Judah Keen road name sign. He has graded Barrows, Decoster, Redding, Tuell Hill, Sumner Hill, Cole and Morrill Farm Roads.

### Old Business:

D&D Excavating submitted a price of \$550 for plowing the helicopter pad. Dunham wanted to know why it hadn't been put in the Town's budget. Silber said it had been understood that the Auxiliary would pay for the plowing, but Dunham did not remember agreeing to that. She also thought it was a great deal of money for just the pad. Silber suggested the amount be taken out of the building maintenance account. This was agreed to.

The contract will be amended to reflect the change.

Silber and Haxton inspected several properties at the owners' request and made these adjustments:

Sicard house valuation—adjust condition, reduce value by \$10,000, effective 4/1/10

Johnson camp valuation—correct at \$10,000-no change

DeBrosky house valuation—none, effective 4/1/10

Paradis house valuation changes (R20, Lot 6C)—2008-\$37,870; June 2009 1-story addition added-\$50,100 (95%); July 2009-\$39,550 (75%) (This was inspected in July and adjusted.)

### New Business:

Hinckley expressed some concerns about the job description of an elected road commissioner, saying that as an elected official Keach is not required to attend meetings such as the Road Committee meetings. The Committee would like advance information from Keach about his work plans and would also like to have input on those plans. Hinckley suggested that the question of an appointed or elected road commissioner be brought to the voters again in August 2010. Silber reminded him that the question was voted on in 2007 and saw no point in putting it on the warrant again. He also did not agree that the community could or should choose the appointee. Keach was asked if he would attend the meetings or at least meetings that involved budget and road work. He agreed.

Resident Gary Paradis sent a bill for his work on Andrews Road. Neither Hinckley nor Keach had approved any work on Andrews Road. Hinckley had looked at the road and saw only a couple of holes. Keach said he did not

think it needed grading. He also explained that he grades roads with minimal traffic in conjunction with rain to pack down the gravel. Norton was directed to send Paradis a letter explaining that by State law and case law, residents are not allowed to perform maintenance on town ways. Paradis will be asked to contact Hinckley or come to a meeting if he has further concerns about road maintenance. (From the Minutes of October 27, 2009: Complaint about Andrews Road maintenance: Hinckley and Keach do not see a need for maintenance as there are no potholes and there is nothing wrong with the road.)

Hinckley said he looked at the I-beams on the Andrews Road Bridge and feels that it needs 2 more beams and new decking. Keach will check to see if he has any available beams and determine if new beams can be welded to the existing bridge.

Winter roads contractor Clifford Lowe called the Office with a concern about salt delivery. He was unable to get an answer about getting a delivery of salt from Morton Salt. He has a large sand pile ready and will now need to mix the salt in. Runes called Morton Salt and was told that the delivery trucks have been slow, but there is no shortage of salt at this time.

The Board approved the option for vision insurance coverage through the ME Municipal Employees Health Trust. Norton will send a letter to the Health Trust notifying them that the option will be effective 2/1/10.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 8, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, firefighter David Spugnardi and resident Gary Paradis.

Minutes of November 24, 2009 and Warrant #11 were received, corrected and approved. Checks 7547—7571 (\$62,014.54) and Receipts 1734—1752 (\$95,254.00) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Gary Paradis came to discuss the road work he did on Andrews Road. He said he has asked Keach if he could use the rock rake and was told ‘no’. He asked, “What does one do when there are potholes and nothing is done?” He said he has been fixing the road all summer and that Keach graded it once in the spring. He does understand that residents cannot be allowed to work on town ways, but feels frustrated at the lack of attention to the road he lives on. He contacted Buckfield and West Paris and was told that they respond to complaints. The portion from Redding Road to the bridge is bad; he has to dodge the holes. Keach responded that there is not enough traffic to pack the road down and there was too much rain all summer. He did go to grade the road, but was unable to get around the trucks from Woodstock that were repairing a major washout on the Shagg Pond end. The fines are washing down Redding Road into Andrews Road. He added that a bridge plank was broken, but he was not informed. Paradis maintained that there is a lot of 4-wheel traffic on the road.

Hinckley said he thought the road looked good. Haxton said if there was a way to minimize the creation of potholes, then Keach should take care of it. Keach said he can put down gravel if the weather is good. Paradis added that he may need to wait until 2010.

Paradis went on to say that last winter he waited for days after each storm before it was plowed—partly because it is very hard for the truck to get across the narrow bridge and up the hill without sliding. He plowed 3 times. Silber suggested that Paradis contact Clifford Lowe about sub-contracting to plow Andrews Road. Paradis will consider it and get back to the Board.

Spugnardi came in to discuss a letter he thought had been sent to the fire auxiliary requesting them to pay for the plowing of the helicopter pad. No letter was sent. Wilda Dunham attended the November 24 meeting to ask why the money was not budgeted by the Town. She was told there was a misunderstanding and the Town would pay for the added cost. Spugnardi asked if the fire chief had been contacted. Norton explained that Stewart is on the helicopter pad committee with Dunham; she assumed that the Committee members would contact each other.

Spugnardi was concerned about the way the fire station yard was recently plowed. He did not think the snow had been pushed back far enough to prepare for future storms. Spugnardi added that he pushed back the banks several times the previous year. Silber will call McAlister.

### Forms and Reports:

#### Appointments:

Scholarship: D Lee Berry 8/31/12, Kelly Stewart 8/31/12

Ordinance Update Committee: Lana Pratt 8/31/10

Comprehensive Plan: Lana Pratt 8/31/11

Planning Board alternate: Lawrence O’Rourke 8/31/10

Amended Municipal Center Winter Maintenance Contract to include the helicopter pad.

Tree Growth Certification: 10-year--Chadbourne Tree Farms R7, Lot 30; Malcolm French R6, Lot 16B, R6, Lot 16, R2, Lot 12, R2, Lot 9, R7, Lot 33, R21, Lot 20

Financial statements as of 11/30/09 were available

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Road Report: Keach said that beavers have been building a dam on Redding Road and blocking the culvert on Gammon Road. He hired trappers and also blocked the culvert with metal screen and poles as a deterrent. Norton expressed her concern about drowning the animals even though they cause damage to the roads. Keach has graded Valley Road and put down gravel on Morrill Farm Road. He reported that he received several calls on the afternoon of December 6 from Oxford County Dispatch about the icy condition of Rte 219 in addition to calls from residents of Tuell Hill and Heath Hill Roads. Haxton will call Lowe about the lack of sand.

Keach talked to the Black Mountain resident who has placed large rocks within the Town's road right-of-way and explained that the rocks need to be removed. The Town has the right to 49.5 feet on Black Mountain Road. Said resident agreed to remove the rocks at some point. Norton will send a letter advising the property owner that the rocks must be removed by December 14.

Keach noted that the level of Labrador Pond seems to be much higher than usual; he thinks the rock dam near the bridge has been made higher. This is causing some washing and potholes on the Labrador Pond Road. The bridge was rebuilt in 2000. The rock dam was moved back and was to remain at a crest of 4"-6" above the existing pond elevation and an inverted elevation of 8"-12" below the stream bed. Norton will contact DEP for advice.

Old Business:

Personnel reviews-The Board will look over job summaries and a review form and determine a procedure.

ACO Osman Hart, court summons and Town attorney-Haxton talked with Attorney Ron Hoffman about representing the Town, possibly for no fee. He has not contacted the Office as to his decision.

New Business: O'Donnell offered to post tax information for \$1,750 yearly. Determined to be too costly.

Fire Chief Stewart will be asked to attend the December 22 meeting to review the tornado response and to bring figure on funding for a new fire truck.

Other:

December 31-Dog licenses due

January 31-Late fee on unlicensed dogs

January 31-Interest starts on unpaid taxes

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 22, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Contractor Clifford Lowe, Mary Standard for the Sun Journal, Duke Harrington for the Advertiser Democrat, residents Lawrence O'Rourke and Henri Arsenault and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of December 8, 2009 and Warrant #12 were received and approved. Checks 7572—7592 (\$62,242.26) and Receipts 1753—1770 (\$38,073.03) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: The Board invited Lowe in to discuss winter road maintenance. Calls had come in to the Office and to Keach from residents and Oxford County dispatch concerning the icy condition of Rte. 219 after the December 6 storm. All calls and complaints are documented in the Office. (Hinckley had called in before the meeting to say that he wants residents to call him with road concerns.) Lowe said he had two broken sanders that took several weeks to get repaired. He is still having trouble with salt deliveries and had to sand with no salt. He also said that the roads froze early and the sand blew off. He does have three sanders now in operation. In response to the call about the bus getting stuck on Jack Road, Lowe said the bus supervisor inspected the road and determined it was in bad condition and too steep for a bus. Lowe said buses have never gone up to the top before.

Keach asked about the sand screen; he said the sand is 3/4" and not 3/8" as specified in the specs. He has received complaints about stones hitting vehicles. Lowe said the sand is 3/8" and he had only one complaint, but he will use the smaller rock portion of his pile for Rte. 219.

Haxton told Lowe that her phone conversation with him was not pleasant and she does not need to be sworn at. She wants an acknowledgement from him that she is calling on behalf of the residents as their selectperson. Lowe said he knows what she is talking about, but she caught him at a bad time.

Stewart noted that the Department has responded to fewer wrecks and thinks Lowe has done a good job.

Arsenault sought an opinion from the Board concerning the Scholarship account and fundraising efforts and donations. Low interest rates have decreased the amounts of the scholarships given out. The Committee would like to be able to use some of the funds raised and donated. The Board advised him to have the Committee work on an amendment to the bylaws that would allow use of those funds.

Tornado response review: Standard felt Sumner was fortunate in the location of the damage, but thought that communication was weak. He did not realize the extent of the damage until the next day. He noted that the Fire Department checked area residences for injuries and the road commissioner got the road cleared, but there was no real plan of action or authority. Standard will make up laminated sheets of names and phone numbers for emergency contacts. Keach said he thought there was no timely communication. He asked when the EMD should be called and who should be in charge of calling all Town officials. He also asked who is in charge when the emergency damage involves a town way. He added that there was too much equipment and personnel. He wasn't sure why some of the responders from other towns were there. Stewart said his intent was to get the road open and see to safety as soon as possible. Silber suggested 2-way radios as a method of communication; his land line and cell phone were out. He also asked if a floodlight would have helped. Haxton stressed that there has to be a way to contact all officials. She would like an emergency planning meeting to establish priorities and incident command. Standard would like to have an emergency exercise between the three towns this winter. Abbott noted that the communications tower on Upper Sumner Hill has a spot for a town channel. It was decided to meet at 5:00 PM on January 26 to discuss the issues.

Stewart contacted three manufacturers about a new fire truck and was told the price had increased from \$172,000 to \$190,000 since last year. (Hinckley feels the Town cannot afford a \$190,000 truck.) He is trying to locate a 2008-2009 chassis. Runes said the application deadline for the municipal bond bank is in February. The Board has traditionally not held special town meetings to vote on large sums of money. Stewart will continue to look for an affordable truck and try to have the paperwork done for the August town meeting.

CEO Abbott received an Intent to Harvest for Donald Daley R11, Lot 14.

### Forms and Reports:

Abatement: Robert E and Diana M Feyler-incorrect value on buildings

Appointments: Planning Board: Daniel Perron to 8/31/12

Tree Growth Certification: 10-year—Gerald and Sandra Farrar R17, Lots 19 and 12;  
Robert R and Margery A Ripley R4, Lot 20; Michael F Fecteau R15, Lots 9 and 10  
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FEMA: CD with maps and reports-Haxton took these

Homeland Security Grant approved, but not for radios. Standard will use EMPG funds. Silber will contact  
Glen Holmes about meeting on January 12 to discuss the grant.

Governor's proposed State budget cuts-forwarded to Haxton and Silber

#### Old Business:

Personnel reviews will start in February.

Attorney Ron Hoffman will look at the Dog Ordinance and send a letter to the Board.

A letter was sent to the property owner concerning the rocks in Town road limits on Black Mountain Road.

Lowe has talked to the owner; the rocks have been moved back and will be removed in the spring.

New Business: Norton contacted Dana Murch of DEP concerning Labrador Pond rock dam. He suggests  
determining ownership of the dam and offered 3 options.

1) Is it within Town road limits? If so, remove the rocks.

2) Is the water level creating an emergency situation for the town ways? Ask the EMD to direct the Town to  
enter private property to remove the rocks.

3) Is the dam out of Town road limits and therefore on private property? Contact Colin Clark, DEP Field  
Service and Enforcement. 287-7810 (office) or 441-7419 (cell)

The Board determined that the dam does belong to the Town and Keach will remove the rocks. Norton will  
contact the abutters to the bridge to obtain permission for access across their land to the dam. O'Rourke noted  
that the water level has remained very high and he is concerned about flooding in the spring as the spillway is  
too narrow.

Lee Berry contacted Runes about a recent story in the Bethel Citizen questioning the future of Tri-Town  
Rescue. Berry acknowledged the article was accurate, but she felt it was premature. The Board of Directors is  
looking at options to meet the debt, but will maintain the current level of service. Silber spoke with Rodney  
Harrington who assured him that Sumner will be covered. Glen Holmes also offered assistance from Buckfield  
Rescue. Silber said the Selectpersons are responsible for the Town's safety and wondered how long Sumner can  
hold on to Tri-Town. Duke Harrington offered the information that West Paris has put out RFPs for a meeting  
on December 23; they are determined to keep rescue service based at the Trap Corner barn.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 12, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, EMD Thomas Standard, Secretary Cynthia Norton and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of December 22, 2009 and Warrant #13 were received and approved after a correction to the Minutes. Checks 7593—7619 (\$69,354.07) and Receipts 1771—1791 (\$65,502.01) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: EMD Thomas Standard had sample laminated cards with phone numbers for Town personnel.

He will put together a tri-fold, wallet-sized card with numbers for all three towns. He suggested a calling tree for contacting officials in an emergency.

### Forms and Reports:

Tree Growth Certification: Carolyn C O'Brien R19, Lot 11 (10-year)

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MMA updated road manual-\$30.00 each; Runes will order one.

General Assistance 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report--\$495.80 spent, 50% requested (\$247.90)

Hazard Mitigation Plan Map Update-sent to AVCOG on 1/5/10

Radar trailer available from MDOT-Norton will send a request for Sumner

CMP Arborist Rob Cotiaux, 647-1018, may be contacted about tree trimming-will be posted on web page

Swap Shop Quarterly report: Mary Standard reported for September through December 2009. Over 16,000

pounds of items were taken from the Swap Shop with the help of 28 volunteers. Weighed items for the

calendar year totaled over 31 tons. The new connecting addition was gratefully received by staff and visitors.

Homeland Security Grant meeting: Standard and Silber met with Glen Holmes and Jack Plumley (Hartford)

to discuss the \$11,000 inter-local grant. Holmes will distribute the funds when bills are submitted.

### Old Business:

Personnel reviews-Runes downloaded new appraisal forms from MMA's website

Attorney Ron Hoffman sent a letter outlining the procedure and high cost of prosecuting the Hart case on barking dogs. He felt there was not enough evidence to win. The Board concurred and also thought it would be too costly. The case will not be pursued, but the Board is hopeful that the State will prosecute Hart on animal cruelty charges.

John E O'Donnell will start the assessing update work in the next week.

Labrador Pond rock dam—Silber spoke with abutter Sean Corcoran about the dam. Corcoran told Silber he removed several rocks from the top of the dam this last week. He was concerned that the dam might be damaged by Town equipment. Silber will call Road Commissioner Keach to verify that the level has returned to normal and the particular rocks he was concerned with have been removed. The Town will take no further action.

### New Business:

Silber will attend the meeting with Supt. Thomas Ward at the Buckfield Town Office to discuss the carryover from MSAD #39 to RSU #10. Sumner's share is estimated at almost \$232,000.

Jack Road will be changed to Earl Jack Road for emergency addressing purposes

Hinckley will talk with Fire Chief Stewart about pursuing other options for a new tanker.

A Smoke-Free Workplace Policy was signed by the Board prohibiting smoking within or on any Town-owned buildings, land, equipment or vehicles.

Hinckley and Silber met with the Tri-Town Rescue Board on January 6. Med-Care will try a trial take-over of West Paris, Sumner, Greenwood and Milton Plantation using the Tri-Town barn. There will be a meeting in February to discuss the situation after 45 days. Med-Care is ALS certified and can provide better, if more expensive, service. Buckfield Rescue has also offered their services for the whole of Sumner. Buckfield is only BLS certified. Haxton moved to support the exploration of Med-Care for a 90-day period according to the plan outlined by the Tri-Town Board of Directors in the letter dated January 7, 2010. Silber seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Other: January 26-Discussion on emergency radios and response procedures, 5:00 PM

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 26, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, EMD Thomas Standard, Secretary Cynthia Norton and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Board met at 6:30 PM with Keach, Stewart and Standard to discuss emergency response plans and a newer fire truck. Stewart has been in touch with a Georgia company. They have a 2010 Kenworth for \$156,000 to \$190,000 with a 1250 gallons per minute pump. He would like to have a Special Town Meeting this spring and notify all residents by postcard.

Standard said Keach and Stewart have reviewed the Draft Amendment to Sumner Emergency Operation Plan. Standard will have laminated photo IDs made up at the Oxford County office for \$1.00 each. He will give Stewart the mobile radio and 2 portable belt radios to Silber and Haxton. Lana Pratt has a license for the ham radio; George Jones has his own ham radio. Standard said the Town can use the EMA channel. Stewart suggested keeping the radios at the Office on a charger. In the event of an emergency, the officials will meet at the Office to plan the necessary action and take their radios. He did not think the ham radios would be worthwhile and said firefighters cannot use them. Standard will get prices and specs on radios for all of the officials for the next meeting and will ask Jones to attend a meeting to talk about ham radios.

Silber said a policy is needed on whether safety or speed will take priority in an emergency situation. Haxton said that determination should be made on-scene. Keach asked who determines if there is a disaster; Standard replied that the pertinent official makes the call.

Haxton moved to accept the amendment to the Sumner Emergency Operation Plan as of 01/26/10. Hinckley seconded the motion. So voted.

The Minutes of January 12, 2010 and Warrant #14 were received and approved. Checks 7620—7639 (\$53,118.98) and Receipts 1792—1817 (\$36,903.63) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: A letter was received from resident Patricia Fournier praising road crews for keeping the roads sanded and plowed.

Standard said the EMA Committee is planning a Regional Volunteers supper on March 19 at the high school. It will be an opportunity for citizens to talk to various members of emergency agencies and sign up to help. He asked the Board to set up a date for a tabletop session with Scott Parker, Oxford County EMD, and to discuss the EOP for Sumner. It will be April 10 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

CEO: Abbott is working on the Biennial Report Form for Shoreland Zoning; it is due March 1. He received a copy of a letter that FEMA sent to Clifford McNeil regarding flood hazard areas. Abbott told the Board the cell tower is in place on Upper Sumner Hill; they are waiting for electricity. Standard will explore the cost of a town channel; Stewart would make the application for a repeater.

### Forms and Reports:

Appointment: Planning Board-John Allen to 8/31/11

Community Concepts support letter—signed

Auditor's Representation Letter—signed

Silber signed the letter to Carl Young advising him of posted limits of Chandler Bridge.

Silber and Haxton attended the meeting with Supt. Thomas Ward. The towns need to decide how to have their portion of the surplus distributed. Runes suggested three years, but will check with Ward on the number of years allowed.

Financial reports through 12/31/09—74% of taxes have been collected

Notices of Automatic Foreclosure on 2007 Maturing Tax Liens will be sent out February 4, 2010 for 29 properties valued at \$24,000

Road Report: Keach inspected the dam on Labrador Pond. He talked with Sean Corcoran and told him he had done a good job removing the rocks. Because the benchmark is buried under snow, they will meet in the spring. The heavy rains washed some of Bradeen Road. Keach was able to punch drain holes on most roads.

Old Business:

Smoke-free signs were posted; the large signs will be offered to the school.

Town Complex roof repairs-Silber will talk to Jim Durfee.

Hinckley will call Stewart to have the Board attend the next Fire Department meeting to discuss the options for a newer truck. He will also call Bill Lowell about the toilet, which seems to have a leaking tank gasket.

Information on Med-Care Ambulance will be forwarded to the e-mail news list.

The Board clarified that Runes was directed to withhold the bottle drive money from the Scholarship Fund principal this year. (left off Minutes of December 22, 2009)

New Business:

Town property on Barrows Road—put out to bid for a minimum of back taxes and advertising fees, bids will be due March 9.

Norton will call Lowe to see if the plowing contractor is responsible for paying to replace mailboxes and posts.

Other:

January 31-Democratic Caucus in meeting room at 2:00 PM

Haxton will attend the MMWAC budget meeting.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBUARY 9, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton and Leif Kothe of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of January 26, 2010 and Warrant #15 were received and approved. Checks 7640—7660 (\$58,873.39) and Receipts 1818—1839 (\$52,994.67) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Discussions continued on the situation with Tri-Town Ambulance and Med-Care Ambulance. Hinckley reviewed the sentiments of West Paris and Greenwood. No decisions were made. No action taken.

### Forms and Reports:

Concealed Firearm Permit-Request for Background Check was approved.

The Auditor's Report for FYE 06/30/09 was received.

Financial Statements as of January 31, 2010 were available.

Notices of Automatic Foreclosure on 2007 Maturing Tax Liens sent out February 4, 2010

Maine State Planning Office offering technical assistance on local regulations for wind energy facilities

Forms for Personnel Reviews were chosen. The reviews will start at the next meeting.

Radio quotes from Tom Standard will be held for a later meeting.

### Old Business:

Clifford Lowe told Norton that the plowing contractor is not responsible for paying to replace mailboxes and posts.

ACO Osman Hart will represent the Town in the barking dogs case against Maurice Hart in March.

Hinckley brought in information on used trucks from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in Alabama. He has talked with their Maine representative, Chris Champagne, for references and pricing details. The company has sold trucks to many Maine communities. Champagne is willing to meet with the Board and Fire Department and answer questions sometime next week. Hinckley thought that one truck in particular would meet the Department's needs. It is a 1993 International, 4x4, pumper/tanker with just over \$7,000 miles on it for \$84,320. The price includes lettering and trucking to Maine and a one-year warranty on major components.

The company will also fly interested buyers down to look at the trucks. The fire truck account has enough money to buy this truck outright if the Department thinks this is a good truck. Hinckley tried to call Fire Chief Robert Stewart to ask him to come in to talk about the truck, but Stewart was not home. He had talked with Assistant Chief Walter Litchfield earlier in the day. Hinckley will try to set up a meeting on Tuesday evening between Champagne, the Board and the Fire Department rather than meet at the Department's business meeting on Thursday. If this truck meets the Department's needs, the Board would like to act as soon as possible and not lose it.

Silber said that he asked Jim Durfee to start looking for roofing material. He suggested checking with Lowell Lumber and having them store the roofing until the work is ready to begin. Runes will put the volunteers on the Volunteer Insurance List when she has the names.

Runes said that the reimbursement from SAD #39 must be paid out within three years by State law.

New Business: Norton was given approval to send postcards notifying Sumner property owners that they have Unclaimed Property at the State's Treasury.

### Other:

February 16-Road Committee 7:00 PM

February 27-Green Party Caucus 10:00 AM

March 9-Bids due on Barrows Road property

March 31-MMWAC budget meeting. Haxton will attend.

April 10-Tabletop Session Emergency Simulation for Town officials and EMDs 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighters Steven McGinty, Allan Newton, Kelly Stewart, Adam Stevens, Jeremy Stevens, Ricky Beaudet, Douglas Fournier, Edwin Hinshaw, Auxiliary members Wilda Dunham, Lana Pratt, Dorothy Hinshaw, Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Stuart Cooper and Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Regional Sales Manager Chris Champagne.

The Selectpersons asked the Fire Department to meet with them to discuss options for purchasing a newer tanker with a pump. Hinckley had found a 1993 International, 4x4, pumper/tanker with just over \$7,000 miles on it for \$84,320 from Brindlee Mountain, a business associate of Greenwood EV.

Discussion notes:

Hinckley: Original intention was to have an alternate way to go at Town Meeting if the new truck proposal is voted down. If the Department buys a used or new truck, the amount of miles put on is negligible. He was on the Department when the Dodge tanker was bought. It won't wear out (the newer truck). The '93 International is not pretty, but it is utilitarian and fits with the truck account fund. He is not wrapped up in this particular truck, but wanted to look for possibilities. Brad Frost, Paris Fire Chief, advised him of Brindlee Mountain. A lot of towns and fire departments cannot afford new trucks, so--many towns have bought from Brindlee Mountain.

Hinshaw: If the article in the Advertiser was incorrect, suggested the Minutes from the last Selectpersons' meeting be read to hear what was really said. Haxton read the portion of the Minutes pertaining to the truck.

Hinshaw: Only one truck was discussed? There had been an earlier discussion about a new truck and bonding.

Haxton: We are seeing more budget cuts. There is a (budget) challenge of bonding and approving a truck before the Annual Town Meeting. Yes, there was earlier discussion on a new truck and bond. No decisions were made.

Silber: Many people are angry if there are major purchases before the Town Meeting. Paris built a truck for \$37,000.

Haxton: What point is too old for a truck? (One of the firefighters said the '93 was too old.)

McGinty: When it's a burden; it is not miles but age and pump time.

Stewart: You tried to call me at 8:00 PM on Tuesday—why not a day or two earlier? How do the Selectmen know what the Department needs without asking?

Haxton: We just had the information that afternoon and thought the Department had set forth some requirements. We are here to discuss them tonight.

Stewart: If we buy used, we need money to fix it. I could go to Georgia tomorrow and buy a new truck for \$160,000 plus \$2,000 interest for seven years and have a new truck that would last 35 years.

Haxton: You want to go before the Town Meeting?

Stewart: The gas emissions regulations will change in 2011 and the trucks will cost \$10,000-\$15,000 more.

Champagne: The regulations have already changed. Our Bangor office sells new trucks; we work with Brindlee Mountain for used vehicles. I have 9 packets of different trucks from Brindlee Mountain—I wasn't sure what you were looking for. (Stewart, Hinshaw and Cooper declined the packet) The '93 is from NC and is a heavy-duty rural pumper/tanker. The 4WD should be beneficial to a Maine department.

McGinty: You can get used pumpers; it's hard to get tankers. We need a 2,000 gallon tank with a 1250 gpm pump; that will last about 10 minutes while we are waiting for Mutual Aid.

Champagne: Let us know what you want and a price. I'll look around for a truck. Brindlee Mountain buys, works on and guarantees their trucks. They are reputable and dependable.

Stewart: FEMA recommends that a truck that is 25 years old is ranked as obsolete.

Champagne: There are 3 different agencies. NFPA says if it passed the test it is okay. ISO prefers a new truck, but it must pass the test. FEMA requires trucks to pass the test, but has two levels of obsolescence.

Cooper: I vote for a new truck and financing. The Department needs to ask for what you want. The solid waste bond is paid; we have \$30,000 (a year extra in the budget). We can finance the loan for 25 years for minimal interest payments.

Runes and Silber: We can't depend on that amount being extra money in the budget. There will be other costs associated with solid waste and decreased funding from the State.

Runes: It is not realistic to finance \$100,000 for 25 years. If we borrow \$77,000 for 2 years, it will add about \$50 to an average tax bill. When I have an actual figure on the cost, I can work on the application for the Bond

Bank and look at some other financing options. Is the Department comfortable with the GA company after they fell through in 2007? We had the paperwork done bond counsel paid and the application approved for Town Meeting. This is the same company—do you think they are reliable this time?

Stewart: I think so. I'm trying to find out why they are \$30,000 less than the CT company.

Hinshaw: I vote for a new truck and financing. The Fire Department and Auxiliary and Selectmen need to agree. A tanker is the principal part of the town's infrastructure; it is a focal point of the town.

(Tom Standard sent an e-mail stating he would vote for a new truck.)

McGinty: We have 3 options for Town Meeting 1) Brand new 2) Newer (have 2 Warrant articles) 3) Cash in the bank (not good enough for the truck we need)

Stewart: Not happy with Champagne. I called him twice and he did not return my call. I'd been told that companies will not call back if you are looking for an inexpensive truck. The Department will use its money to fly down to GA to look at the new truck.

The Department will check with several dealers for a \$96,000 truck as data for Town Meeting. Lowered insurance for homeowners will be checked into in relation to a new or used truck.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBUARY 23, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal and Leif Kothe for the Advertiser.

The Minutes of February 9, 2010 and Warrant #16 were received and approved. Checks 7661—7677 (\$39,596.38) and Receipts 1840—1868 (\$23,911.21) were verified by Haxton. Haxton questioned continued unemployment payments for former selectperson Clifford McNeil. Runes said that the benefits period has been extended by the State.

Open Session: Hinckley had a call from Susan Litchfield on Tri-Town. Norm St. Pierre, the West Paris Fire Chief, has a proposal of asking each town to contribute a 1-time \$5,000 donation to keep Tri-Town operating. Greenwood and West Paris are not going with Med-Care. Sumner has no action pending.

Haxton reported that the Farmers and Producers Meetings have been supportive and helpful for those in the group. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM.

CEO Sidney Abbott picked up the Intent to Harvest forms and a letter from DEP and is following up ongoing situations and the Shoreland Zoning report.

### Forms and Reports:

Oxford County EMA collecting resource data on equipment for emergencies-Norton will use information from the Neighbors Care program and ask the Fire Department for radio information.

Oxford County Tax \$44,321 (2009--\$43,417)

Planning Board Minutes of 2/16/10

MMWAC Minutes of 1/19/10

MDOT grant programs-this will be forwarded to George Jones for the Road Committee to look at Rural Road Initiative

Road Report: Roads are posted at 20,000 lbs to 5/20/10. Road Commissioner James Keach will be called about a large appliance that was left on or near Spring Road.

### Old Business:

Fire truck—The notes taken at the meeting on 2/16/10 will be filed with the Minutes and sent to Chief Stewart, Assistant Chief Jeremy Stevens and Auxiliary member Wilda Dunham. Norton will list the pertinent questions that were asked. The Board expects the Fire Department to explore other options and try to work with a Maine company. Runes sent Stewart an e-mail with a truck listed on Ebay. It was a 2006 Ford F750 with a 2500 gallon tank for \$30,000.

Silber contacted Jim Durfee about roofing material for the Town Complex. Durfee said that standing seam metal roofing comes pre-formed and is not difficult to install. He will request estimates from area businesses. The budget includes \$8,000 for roofing materials.

### New Business:

The mowing contract, which expires June 2010, will be put out to bid in April. Specifications for the new contract will be discussed at the meeting on April 13.

### Personnel Reviews:

Silber made a motion at 8:30 PM to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A) to discuss the Personnel Review of the Secretary and Assistant to the Selectmen.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 9, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Assistant Chief Jeremy Stevens, Firefighter Edwin Hinshaw, Secretary Cynthia Norton, James Durfee, Leif Kothe for the Advertiser and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of February 23, 2010 and Warrant #17 were received and approved. Checks 7678—7697 (\$54,249.59) and Receipts 1869—1892 (\$53,075.28) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Tri-Town Rescue Chief Norm St Pierre and Sumner representative Susan Litchfield brought in a request for an increase in funding from \$12.50 to \$15.00 and a one-time \$5,000 payment to keep Tri-Town going—possibly as a quasi-municipal agency. Silber asked what the advantage would be for Sumner to be liable for the rescue agency. St. Pierre said that while PACE Ambulance is hospital-based, Tri-Town would be eligible for grants. PACE could leave the area or ask for more money. Tri-Town is stable, the bills are up-to-date and unnecessary items have been removed from the budget. Monthly subsidies have come in as well as outstanding bills. The West Paris town manager will be contacting towns to set up a meeting to decide on the next steps. Haxton questioned how Tri-Town would function until Sumner's August town meeting and asked to see a report on finances. St. Pierre said he is under orders not to say much, but would get a financial statement to Sumner. Hinckley asked what would happen if Sumner did not buy in, but just used the service. St. Pierre said there will have to be a vote, but a quasi-municipal agency would have better, inexpensive insurance. Silber brought up the many conflicts between personnel and the administration. St. Pierre said the conflict is gone; there has been a change in the Board. He is not taking pay until everything is settled.

Stewart told the Board that the Fire Department has sent out RFPs to several different companies requesting prices on new and used trucks. They would like to get a truck that pumps 1250 gpm. They will explore the option of a new or used tanker and installing a pump. He also noted that Hartford has not paid the last mutual aid fire bill. Sumner will not continue to respond if they are not paid. Stewart will talk to Buckfield Chief Steve Campbell and the Canton chief about aid to Hartford.

CEO Sidney Abbott picked up the Intent to Harvest for Susan Bennett R1, Lot 30.

### Forms and Reports:

Financial statements through 2/28/10 were available for review.

Planning Board Minutes of 3/2/10—filed

Resumé from Keith Grundy seeking work as a truck driver—filed

Road Report: Sumner will have the MDOT radar trailer the week of 10/25/10. Keach picked up the dishwasher left on Spring Road

There was an accident at the corner of Bonney Road Sunday morning. The vehicle went through the guardrail (set in place July 2004, bought from Superior for \$800) and did some damage to the home belonging to Maynard and Pamela Farrar. The Oxford County Sheriff's Department will send a report this week. A resident of Bonney Road requested a blinking red light. There are two warning signs as well as a stop sign. The Board decided a light is not practical. Keach will look for a replacement rail and Runes will call the insurance company. Keach has also been filling in sinkholes.

### Old Business:

Durfee had estimates from Hammond Lumber and Lowell Lumber on roofing material for Town Complex. He felt strongly that shingles would be better and easier to put on with a volunteer crew. Durfee will be job boss. The Board agreed to use shingles. The project is planned for late April/early May.

The Board authorized providing volunteer insurance that will cover all Town committees and volunteers who will be helping with the roof.

Bids on R6, Lot 3--none

Response from Chief Stewart regarding equipment and personnel for use in a disaster—Stewart felt that would be the responsibility of the EMD or the EMA committee.

### New Business:

Mowing contract specifications for 2011-2013—discuss April 13

Annual Town Meeting date—August 9, with no potluck supper

Other:

Standard said Scott Parker has a template EOP for small towns that he would like to use to revise Sumner's EOP. The Tabletop Session Emergency Simulation for Town officials and EMDs will be held in the fall. A Regional Volunteer Supper at BJSHS has been planned by the three town EMA Committees in the hopes of recruiting new members and training local groups to respond in emergency situations. The Homeland Security grant will not cover the cost of the catered meal. Standard sent a request to each town asking for an allowance of \$300 for the meal. The Board expressed concern about the funds needed for a catered meal and that the food is not locally produced.

Personnel Reviews:

At 9:30 PM Haxton moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A) to discuss the Personnel Review of the Secretary and Assistant to Selectpersons. Hinckley seconded the motion. At 9:40 PM Silber moved to return to regular session. Haxton seconded the motion. The Board decided to change the job title to Administrative Assistant and the salary to \$14.00 per hour.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 23, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Mary Standard for the Sun Journal, Leif Kothe for the Advertiser and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of March 9, 2010 were corrected to note that Jeremy Stevens is Assistant Chief; Warrant #18 was received and approved. Checks 7698—7712 (\$34,651.73) and Receipts 1893—1925 (\$40,273.95) were verified by Haxton. Runes said taxes collected are at 86%, about 3% more than last year. The 2007 liens have been paid; the Campbell lien does not expire until April 20, 2010.

Open Session: Tri-Town update—West Paris Selectman Wade Rainey called Runes to say that West Paris is looking into the cost of becoming part owners of Tri-Town Rescue. He hopes to have numbers by May. Chief Norm St. Pierre said the West Paris town manager will set up a meeting with all the selectmen hopefully by next week.

### Forms signed:

Veteran's Exemption application for Robert M Fitzgerald  
2010 Voting Place Checklist

Draft Application for Sumner Adult Business License accepted for inclusion with ordinance

### Reports:

Road Committee Meeting March 16, 2010-Hinckley said a representative from Readfield showed the Committee a road evaluation tool that he sells for \$40. Sumner will probably buy it.

Thank you letter from Buckfield for Sumner's fire department mutual aid at a recent fire.

EMA Committee Minutes

Planning Board Minutes of March 16, 2010

A letter in support of a proposal for Google high-speed internet service will be sent to Oxford Hills Economic Development Council. Standard will also send a letter.

Road Report: Keach said it is early to sweep intersections. He is working with the insurance adjuster on a replacement price for the guardrail and gravel at the corner of Bonney Road.

### Old Business:

Jim Durfee has decided that the Town should go with metal roofing, in slate gray; the cost will be about \$7,700. Runes has local carpenters lined up as crew bosses and other volunteers for roof and ground. The Auxiliary will take care of food. Haxton moved to reconsider the decision to use shingles and go with the metal roofing.

Hinckley seconded the motion.

New Business: Hinckley will call MDOT about cutting trees on corner of Rte 219 across from Oxford Networks building. In October 2006, owner Steven McGinty said the State could trim to the road limits.

### Other:

Haxton will attend the March 31 MMWAC budget meeting.

May 14-Regional Volunteer Supper at BJSHS—Standard said the Homeland Security Grant allocation of \$500 will pay for most of the supper. Hinckley moved to allow up to \$300 of the EMPG funds for the supper.

Haxton seconded the motion, but urged that the Committee use local, whole foods. Standard said the Committee tried to use local foods, but he thought there was a problem with preparation in the school kitchen. He stressed that this supper is an experiment on providing an opportunity for people to meet with local rescue agency personnel and to sign up.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 13, 2010

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Mary Standard for the Sun Journal, Leif Kothe for the Advertiser and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of March 23, 2010 and Warrant #19 were received and approved. Checks 7713—7744 (\$76,489.18) and Receipts 1926—1951 (\$17,922.94) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Runes received a call from a resident who was concerned about ambulance service and hoped the Town would be able to contract with Buckfield Rescue. There has been no word on Tri-Town.

CEO: Neighbors have complained about the rubbish at Waterman's property; Abbott will contact family; Runes will call MMA.

Forms and Reports:

Ratio Declaration-78%, \$10,000 Homestead Exemption, change in reimbursement

General Assistance Quarterly Return—request for \$444.42 reimbursement

Tree Growth Applications: Kenneth E Poland, R19, Lot 2; Dennis L Biron R12, Lot 3; Dwight, Jacqueline Dwinal R3, Lot 12, R5, Lot 2, R6, Lot 11, R5, Lot 7, R5, Lot 3

Financial statements through 3/31/10—town and transfer station

Received a thank you for letter of support for Google high-speed internet service

Patricia Fournier has been named Telecommunicator of the Year-card was sent

Oxford County Extension has a supplemental food program for seniors over 60 starting April 14

Planning Board Minutes of April 6, 2010

MMA meeting on MDOT funding changes

Road Report: question on posting of Estes Road and other roads-remove posting April 16

Guard rail on Bonney Road in place-request for "Stop Ahead" sign; already have one in place

Damage estimates for March rain storms to submit to FEMA? Not enough damage

Old Business:

Town property on R6, Lot 3-bid requests will be sent out asking for minimum of \$3740 for taxes and fees; bids will be due April 27 by 7:00 PM.

MDOT response on cutting trees on corner of Rte 219 across from Oxford Networks building-Glenn

New specifications for mowing to include the heli pad, bids due June by 7:00 PM, measure and check with Wilda Dunham

New Business: citizen concern about imports from China-FILED

A. Ingrid Eriksson has filed a Conservation Easement-filed in her property folder.

Standard will attend the final 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan review (updated plan on [www.AVCOG.org](http://www.AVCOG.org))

The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Vernal Andrews (01/06/17) on April 29 at 6:00 PM

Bill to Hartford for mutual aid for September 2009 fire; waiting for answer

Where do residents take hazardous waste? Directly to MMWAC

Request from Project Graduation for funds-no

Clean up around building before roofing project-Silber will talk to Stewart

Other:

May 1-Office closed for business—Roof Replacement starts at 7:00 AM

May 25-Regional school budget informational meeting at Buckfield town hall, 6:00 PM

Personnel Reviews: Hinckley moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A) to discuss the Personnel Review of Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector/Registrar of Voters.

The next review will be on the EMD at the next meeting.