

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 10, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Historical Society President Stephen Peters and member Edwin Hinshaw, and George Twine for the Advertiser.

The Minutes of June 26, 2007 and Warrant #1 were read, corrected and approved. Checks 5905--5935 and Receipts 37--67 were verified by McNeil. Warrant #26 was signed June 30, 2007.

Open Session: Peters said the street light at the Increase Robinson Library is still out. Runes will call CMP a 3rd time to get it fixed and adjust the bill.

CEO Sidney Abbott was not able to attend. McNeil will contact him about an alternate to serve when he is unavailable.

Forms and Reports signed:

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

URIP Certification of \$53,820

Letter of engagement for auditors Hoisington and Bean

Road Report: Keach has "No Engine Brakes" signs that he will put up in West Sumner. He has ditched Bradeen and Bonney Roads and removed ledge and large rocks. McNeil suggested that for another year, Keach might look into renting a big excavator with a jack hammer to remove most or all of the ledge and large rocks in Town. Keach started the work on Valley Road; he is replacing the culverts in preparation for tarring. He cut two phone cables that were improperly marked and will file reports with PUC.

Old Business: McNeil said he and Peters checked the Town's cemeteries on July 4. Several cemeteries were neglected with very high grass. He called mowing contractor Larry Gronewold whose report conflicted with McNeil's inspection. McNeil moved to terminate the contract immediately. Hinckley seconded the motion. So voted. McNeil will contact Gronewold on Wednesday. There was discussion about hiring someone as a Town employee and paying the liability insurance, and advertising the job. There are 4 months left in this year's season and a total of \$2,700. It was decided that Hinckley would contact Lee Hewey, who has expressed interest, to see if he would finish the months of July, August and September for \$900 per month. Hewey would be responsible for the insurance and all equipment. A new contract will be put out to bid in 2008.

McNeil was told by the MDOT engineer that he will not return to Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge for a meeting.

New Business: New bid requests will be advertised for the property on R14, Lot 27 in Uncle Henry's and the Lewiston SunJournal. Abutters will be notified. The minimum bid will be \$20,000. Bids are due August 11 at noon. McNeil will have a For Sale sign made up for \$35. The yard and interior were cleaned for \$500.

Norton will check with Buckfield on their value for mobile home concrete pads. This is a new cost on Sumner buildings. McNeil said his pads cost \$1,700 for the concrete, but are valued at \$2,900 (\$3.00/sq. ft. with a factor for condition and obsolescence).

The Board will leave the decision to continue with the Summer Solstice Party with Tom and Mary Standard. It is not a Town-sponsored event, but a community event promoted by Standard when he was selectman.

Steven McGinty will be asked if he is interested in a 2-day grant writing seminar for \$299/person. Buckfield will host if there is enough interest.

The Town received a call that the Moses Buck stone in Hersey Cemetery is down; Buck was a Revolutionary War veteran. Norton contacted Connie Cushing to see if she can repair it. McNeil wants her to call him before she begins major repairs and would like a detailed list of proposed repairs.

Peters and Hinshaw discussed a letter sent to the Board and Peters by Cushing. There has been some confusion about the responsibility and supervision of the Committee that has undertaken the cleaning and repair of stones. The Board affirmed that Cushing is responsible as she is the one who has taken the courses; she was also authorized to purchase cleaning supplies and submit bills for reimbursement up to \$300 in FY 2006-2007. Hinshaw said he defers to her expertise and that the Committee has not done any repairs themselves. Silber will contact her to be sure she is clear on her role. (See Minutes of November 14, 2006)

Other:

The annual audit on Town finances will be done from July 10-13.

The Town Report will go to the printer on July 13.
The next meeting will be on July 24 at 4:00 PM.
The meeting ended at 9:20 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 24, 2007

The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber, Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee member Mary Ann Haxton, residents Gerald Farrar, Walter Jasniewski, Archie Paradis, Theodore Dawicki, Stephen Peters, Thomas Standard for the Lewiston Sun Journal and George Twine for the Advertiser.

The Minutes of July 10, 2007 and Warrant #2 were read and approved. Checks 5936—5954, Receipts 68—94 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session—Invitation to Speak: Haxton presented figures and plans from Erik Designs for a Town information sign. She will check on the acceptable use and spelling of “Select Board” and the appropriate distance from Rte. 219. Materials will be charged at Lowell Lumber. McNeil offered to set the frost piers. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance update has been submitted to Richard Baker at DEP and will be posted with the Annual Town Meeting warrant for acceptance by the voters. The public hearing was held in June. Peters noted that the light at the Neighborhood House is still out. Runes will be notified. Jasniewski read a portion from *Sumner 200* concerning roads. He is very concerned about Tuell Hill Road which was tarred 40 years ago and is now ripped up and in bad shape. He and other Redding Road residents use it to travel to and from home. He said it is impassable in the winter; sand is thrown down and then freezes. He would like to see it tarred like Valley Road.

Silber responded that the Road Committee determines priorities within a current budget of \$130,000. Of that, \$80,000 is earmarked for Valley Road, which has not been repaired for 30 years. The road bears a lot of traffic. One mile will be done in 2007 and ½ mile in 2008. He said the Town cannot tar all of the roads because it is too expensive, although they try to respond to citizen concerns. He suggested attending the Town Meeting and increasing the Road Budget.

McNeil said the Road Committee has been active the last 6 months due to complaints and concerns and he welcomes input from citizens. He added that Keach has been conducting business without input from a committee and doing a good job making decisions by himself. McNeil said there has been controversy about materials used and that he does not approve of the quality of the materials. He hopes the Committee will choose roads that the people want done and draw up 5-year and 10-year plans. He accepted blame for not being more involved.

Haxton said the Comprehensive Plan recommends revision and plans for roads.

Paradis said that Tuell Hill Road is very busy in comparison to Valley Road and wondered why Valley Road was being done when it seems so nice. He said Tuell Hill is a problem for the school bus.

Hinckley said the Committee was staying with last year’s plan and decided to keep Valley Road in good condition.

Dawicki asked why 15 culverts were replaced on Valley Road when he was told there was no money to get a trench dug on Redding Road.

McNeil said there needs to be more input from citizens and corporate decisions made. He recommends putting Tuell Hill Road at #1 on next year’s list.

Silber said that the tar was removed from Tuell Hill Road for lack of money and the same was considered for Valley Road, but that equates to receding in maintenance.

CEO Sidney Abbott brought in pictures and a CD of properties with possible violations. He will issue a Notice of Violation to Donald Heald for lack of a septic system. Clifford Lowe has cleaned up the property on Front Street. Norton will send the Waterman family a letter of warning by certified mail. Norton will also send Richard Parker a certified letter asking for his septic plans. Abbott is checking into the Searles’ property on Redding Road and a report of several buildings. Jasniewski noted that he listened to a very loud party on the Searles’ property over the 4th of July. Abbott inspected the Williams’ property on Redding Road and found a new structure being built as well as a screen house within 25 feet of the river. Silber told him to issue a Notice of Violation. Abbott will check into someone to serve as alternate CEO.

Forms and Reports signed:

Supplement: Daniel and Deborah Pickering, 10% penalty on building (lack of notification)

Abatement: John S Saunders, shed on R1, Lot 19 (owner has moved, left building)

Mowing contract with Leonell Hewey for July to September, 2007

General Assistance quarterly report (no claims)

Confirmation of payment for Buckfield-Summer Transfer Station for audit purposes.

Road Report: Keach said he has changed all the culverts and done hand-patching on the Valley Road in preparation for paving in two weeks. He has met with the FEMA representative twice and will meet again on the 26th. Standard will attend the meeting as EMA Director; McNeil will also attend. Six roads have been reviewed and Keach was told that gravel costs will not be reimbursed, only equipment. McNeil said figures are needed for mitigation.

Old Business:

Buckfield uses \$4.00/sq ft as a value for mobile home concrete pads; Norton was directed to contact other towns for their figure.

The Fire Department Truck Bond has been submitted.

The EMA Director's job description will include handling FEMA paperwork.

New Business:

Nicholas Mamich sent a letter concerning his Russell Road property and the removal of the bridge. He will not have access to his property if the bridge is removed. Hinckley said that Anna Woodworth called him to say that there is nothing wrong with the bridge and it should be kept. McNeil said there is no guarantee what Hartford will do about their end of the road; Summer needs to concentrate on its side. He suggested a new policy for bridges and public easements and perhaps asking the voters at Town Meeting for their input. It was decided to try to get estimates and designs for a replacement bridge.

Brent Dan's building valuation was adjusted for grade and condition at his request for a review.

Problems with the assessing done this spring were briefly discussed. It was agreed that Silber should talk with John O'Donnell.

Norton was given authorization to purchase display frames for two old flags in the Office.

Old office equipment will be taken to the Swap Shop; a used computer will be donated to the Increase Robinson Library after the hard drive is erased.

The Board agreed to keep the CMP street light at the intersection of Rte. 219, Tuell Hill Road, and Arthur Allen Roads.

McNeil mentioned the practice of plowing and turning around in private driveways and would like the Town's contractor to discontinue that practice and have established turnarounds.

Other:

Notice was received from the State Planning Office that Buckfield has submitted a proposed Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 13, 2007

The meeting began at 10:10 PM following the Annual Town Meeting.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, who assumed the chair, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, re-elected for a 3-year term, James Keach, re-elected as Road Commissioner for a 1-year term, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton and George Twine for the *Advertiser Democrat*.

The Minutes of July 24, 2007 and Warrant #3 were read and approved.

Checks 5955—5988 and Receipts 95—126 were verified by McNeil.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Auditor's representation letter signed

801 Assessor Notification form for Coca-Cola's personal property taxes signed

SPO notification that Paris has submitted a proposed Comprehensive Plan

Road Report: Keach will put up a new sign for Angie Libby Road. He will also replace the boulders that were moved from Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge.

He has signed an agreement with Pike Industries for work on Redding and Barrows Roads. Grading has been done on Tuell Hill and Arthur Allen Roads. Keach will respond to a request from Dwight Dwinall that the culvert on Barrows Road be replaced.

Runes will see if there are records on agreements to bury electrical cable on Valley Road in 2003.

Norton will contact Mary-Jo Knight concerning a bus driver request to trim bushes at Rtes 140 and 219.

Old Business:

McNeil said he thought \$3.00/sq ft with an 80% condition factor was fair for the valuation on concrete pads for mobile homes. He will talk to John O'Donnell to clarify the assessment.

Hinckley will get an outside appraisal on the valuation of Beep's Bakery.

Silber suggested that whenever there is a question about property values for Town officials, an outside assessor would be asked to assess the values. This was unanimously agreed to.

New Business:

Four bids were received for the mobile home and property on R14, Lot 27. Patricia Daft submitted a bid of \$20,000 and check for \$2,000; Ray Corporation submitted at bid of \$21,101 and a check for \$2,101, Clay Abbott submitted a check for \$2,150, Joshua C Levesque submitted a bid of \$23,100 and a check for \$2,310. McNeill moved to award the bid to Levesque. Silber seconded. So voted. Full payment is expected by August 28, after which a Quitclaim Deed will be issued. The other checks will be returned.

Authorization given for Clerk Susan Runes to attend 2-day election conference and approval to pay \$175.

Authorization given for EMA Committee to purchase brochures for personal emergency planning.

Authorization given to pay \$100 to cover local CERT team expenses.

Boston Post Gold Cane: Anna Woodworth is next recipient, but does not wish to keep the cane in her home. Runes and Norton will see about a plaque or framed certificate and a display for the Office.

Brann and Isaacson would like to represent the Town on school consolidation-not necessary at this point. Silber will not be at the meeting on the 28th. Representative from the Woodstock ATV Club are expected to attend to ask for permission to access part of Redding Road between trails. Silber is opposed to this; McNeil and Hinckley agreed with Silber. The issue has been brought up before to voters and rejected.

The meeting ended at 11:00 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 28, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMA Director Thomas Standard, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton, Lana Pratt and Martha Elkin, Secretary Cynthia Norton, residents Stephen Peters, Paul Clark, Walter Jasniewski, George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat, Mary Standard for the Lewiston Sun Journal and Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of August 13, 2007 and Warrant #4 were received and approved. McNeil verified Checks 5989-6036 and Receipts 127-165.

Open Session: Lana Pratt submitted a letter which was read by McNeil. She was concerned about McNeil's comments at Town Meeting concerning what he perceived as a conflict of interest in the Road Commissioner's business relationship with Maynard Farrar. She told McNeil that his comments were inappropriate unless accompanied by facts and figures. McNeil thanked her for her comments.

There was no representative from the Woodstock ATV club to discuss access along Redding Road, but Clark asked how far they wanted to run. He said that every weekend there are people running ATVs on Redding Road. He does call law enforcement. Jasniewski said the trail comes out near Andrews and Farrar Roads, but they are worn out so riders want to use the roads. Standard suggested that a letter be sent from the Town to the Sheriff's Office. Norton will take care of that.

Peters asked Norton for copies of letters sent to the Sheriff concerning traffic speed in the village.

He thanked Keach for putting the granite slab back in place in the Keene Cemetery.

Haxton encouraged everyone to attend the forum on influenza on September 10. She said she has new information from Erik Designs on the informational sign.

Mary Standard noted that a benefit supper would be held for Mark McCollister on September 1.

CEO Sidney Abbott hasn't checked on the Waterman property yet. He met with Richard Parker who has septic plans and intends to install a system in the spring of 2008. He also met with Donald Heald who is making arrangements to install a system; Heald will move the camper away from the river.

Clark and Jasniewski asked about the Williams' and Searles' properties on Redding Road, which are near their homes. Abbott assured them he is checking on them. He said that if a camper is left sitting for more than 120 days, it is a structure.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Certification of Sumner Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

Supplement: Danville E and Marlena A Jack—withdrawal of 3 acres MW at owners' request

Letters of agreement for Maine Municipal Bond Bank loan on fire truck

Deed and transfer tax sheet for R14, Lot 27 to Joshua C Levesque

Appointments: Road Committee to 8/31/08 Thomas A Standard, George P Jones III, James Durfee, Edwin Hinshaw, Lawrence Litchfield

Committee minutes: Fire Department, EMA Committee, Swap Shop opening day. Pratt volunteered to help Mrs. Standard at the Swap Shop. McNeil said that he was sure Mark Silber would be helping.

Road Report: Keach reported that Pike Industries had finished paving on Redding Road. He has been grading and cutting brush. He will be ditching on Fields Hill and 50' of Angie Libby Road.

Jasniewski asked if the brush could be cut back at the corner of Black Mountain Road and Greenwoods Road. Norton will contact Don Hutchins at MDOT and also ask him about the plans for Rte. 219 at Bog Brook.

McNeil asked the MDOT crew working on Rte. 140 to remove the bush on the corner. The owner, Mary-Jo Knight gave permission to trim or remove the bush.

Old Business:

Hinckley hired an assessor to review the valuation of Beep's Bakery. A decision on the value of the Bakery and concrete pads for mobile homes will be made when Silber is back.

New Business:

The DEP inspection of the former landfill on Rte. 140 noted that it needed to be mowed, loamed and seeded, and the neighbor's well needs to be tested. McNeil will take care of it and contact Hartford officials.

Anna Woodworth will be contacted to see if the Boston Post Gold Cane can be presented at her home on September 11.

The Board approved the EMA Committee's newsletter and budget request.

Other: (upcoming meetings were listed)

August 29—Sumner Road Committee at 7:00 PM

September 4—Ordinance Update Committee at 6:30 PM, Floodplain Management

September 10—EMA Committee information forum on pandemic flu at Congregational Church

September 26—Beginning with Habitat at 6:30 PM, sponsored by Implementation Committee

Transfer Station: starting September 3: Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

from November 7 to March 8: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (no Tuesday hours)

The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

The Minutes of August 28, 2007 and Warrant #5 were read and approved. Checks 6037-6067, Receipts 166-196 were verified by McNeil.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton and Martha Elkin, EMA Director Thomas Standard, residents Stephen Peters and David Bragg, George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

Open Session: Haxton said the Ordinance Update Committee expects to have the Floodplain Management Ordinance ready for a Town Meeting in November. They will next work on the Subdivision Ordinance. John Maloney, AVCOG, has sent Shoreland Zoning maps for the Planning Board to review and will follow up with an overlay to show the revisions. The Town's informational sign will be constructed in October. Terry Dunham has volunteered to dig the holes for the posts.

Elkin said the pandemic flu forum was nicely done and well-attended.

Standard noted that the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station is doing a booming business and may need another container. He told McNeil that he had done very well handling criticism at the last meeting.

Code Enforcement: McNeil said that he and CEO Sidney Abbott had spent the morning inspecting the Williams' property on Redding Road and found several violations as well as buildings that had not been properly reported to the Town. The Board reviewed and adjusted the values and issued a penalty for Building Notification violations. DEP and subdivision violations will be assessed at the next meeting.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Application for Veteran's Exemption: Walter J Jasniewski

Supplement and letter to Gregory and Lynn Williams: lack of building notification

District Regional Planning Committee: McNeil will serve as the municipal representative

MMA dividend check of \$101-received

FEMA reimbursement check of \$43,313.54 received; will be getting another \$8,000

Letter from Town sent to IF&W and Sheriff concerning ATV riders

Fire fighter insurance application being sent to MMA for 15 fire fighters

EMA Director's job description was accepted with the addition of handling FEMA paperwork. Silber moved to accept the description, McNeil seconded. So voted. The EMA Committee will review their job description and add working on the budget with the Director.

Road Committee: written minutes received

Road Report: Keach will take care of the dirt left by the grader in Anna Woodworth's driveway.

He has hauled gravel on Arthur Allen Road as part of the FEMA work and some gravel on Tuell Hill Road. He has notified residents, the Fire Department and Oxford County dispatch that the Cottage Road culvert will be closed while the culvert is being replaced. He has also posted the road. McNeil asked Keach how he decided on the contractor. Keach said he asked David Bragg for a bid and was advised by Silber to talk to the Road Committee. The Road Committee did not want him to award the job on one bid, so Keach decided to replace the culvert himself for less than \$10,000. Bragg, who attended at McNeil's invitation, said he submitted a bid of \$28,000 based on Keach's information for soil erosion control and using a temporary bridge. Bragg asked why he "didn't get the job by the hour"; he said Keach isn't doing the job—Maynard Farrar is. Bragg went on to discuss how his father had handled road work when he had been Road Commissioner. He said that Keach does not spread the work around among local contractors. He added that Keach is a good Road Commissioner and very conscientious, but thinks that Farrar does not have insurance and worker's comp for his employees.

McNeil said that all decisions on road work need to be made in meetings; he did not know about the work being done on this culvert. He asked if the Town had the right to close a road for a day in regard to emergencies. He said that when Keach is doing a job, he is working for Farrar and Farrar is doing the job. He stressed the need for transparency. McNeil said that there needs to be a policy that bids will come in sealed on a specific due date and will be opened at a public meeting. After a decision is made on the bid, bids need to be turned in to the Clerk. McNeil talked to the Town's auditor David Hoisington about bids.

Peters asked if residents had complained about the road being closed and was told that did not matter. Haxton asked if there was a policy. There is not. She said Keach had not violated a policy and was acting on prior decisions.

McNeil said it was time to end the discussion and turn it over to the next Road Committee meeting.

Silber said that whenever there are resources and controls there will be jealousy. He said there needs to be a policy about the minimum dollar amount needed for requesting bids. He did advise Keach to work out the job with the Road Committee. He added that the Town needs to spread out small jobs and when Keach does the work, he saves the Town money.

McNeil read the single sentence from the Road Committee minutes that said Keach indicated he would replace the Cottage Road culvert.

Keach said that two days after the Patriot's Day storm he used Lucas and Lowe and then Farrar because he is cheaper. He has used R. S. Pidacks Inc. because they do not haul over Town roads and have good crushed rock. The roads have held up well. He told the Board they should have said something in 2006 if they weren't happy.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the valuation on concrete pads for mobile homes. Silber said that Sumner should follow accepted procedures used in other towns and tax the concrete pads. Hinckley was concerned that they do not know who has a pad and would not be able to assess everyone fairly. McNeil agreed and added that other features such as tarred driveways are not assessed. He felt that assessing concrete pads under mobile homes would stop people from putting in the pads and would result in less attractive properties. He added that he will not put in any further concrete pads in his manufactured housing community. Silber decided that he would abstain from voting. The discussion was ended.

Hinckley hired Assessor Wade Rainey to review the valuation of Beep's Bakery and asked him to contact the Office with his figures. The Board directed Norton to invite him to attend the next meeting.

John Buxton, MDOT bridge engineer, estimated the cost to replace Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge at \$100,000; he does not have sample bridge designs. He said the bridge has to be closed. It has been reported to the Office that the boulders placed by Keach have been removed--allowing vehicle traffic. McNeil moved to remove the bridge as instructed by John Buxton, of MDOT, at the Road Commissioner's convenience. Hinckley seconded the motion. So voted. Keach said he will remove it by the end of the month.

McNeil mowed the former landfill on Rte. 140 and will have the neighboring well tested.

MDOT will be working on Rte. 219 at Bog Brook and will mow the corner of Greenwoods Road.

New Business:

The Board asked Norton to see if John O'Donnell is available in early October to factor land values.

Standard presented a resolution on acquiring abandoned cemeteries in Sumner and asked specifically about Fields Hill Cemetery. Peters and Haxton urged caution in assuming that vacant lots are truly empty and not owned. Standard will research owners and bring the information back to the Selectpersons.

The Selectpersons were notified that there had been a mistake concerning the next Boston Post Cane recipient. The presentation will be made to Erland Hammond. McNeil talked to Mrs. Woodworth, who was very understanding and had quite a bit of information on the Canes. The Board adopted a Policy to keep the Boston Post Cane in the Town Office with a list of names on a plaque and present a certificate to the holder.

Other:

The Account activity report through 8/31/07 was available for review.

The meeting ended at 9:40 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton, Lana Pratt and Martha Elkin, CEO Sidney Abbott, CMA Wade Rainey, Geraldine Abbott, property owner Gregory Williams, and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of September 11, 2007 and Warrant #6 were received and approved. Checks 6068-6095, Receipts 197-222 were reviewed by McNeil.

Open Session: Haxton said Terry Dunham does not have an auger big enough to dig the post holes for the informational sign. She will be contacting other people.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Gregory Williams came in to discuss the penalty on his buildings on R20, Lot 1. He said that no one came to talk to him about violations; he was unaware that he was in violation and not familiar with the ordinances. He said he moves the campers once a year. Abbott told him that campers sitting for more than 120 days need a septic system or a signed contract with Nickerson's and a gray water system. He added that Williams' campers have been sitting for most of the year and that he needs a park license for more than 4 campers. McNeil added that no buildings can be placed between the road and the river for any length of time. Williams was told he needs to come to a Planning Board meeting and meet with the CEO. Abbott will be sending a notice of violations.

The Board advised Abbott that they would like him to have a form signed and dated by the property owner when he meets with them.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Contract for Ambulance Service with Buckfield Rescue

Appointment: Paul Kirschner as Constable for October 6 and 7, 2007

Road Sign request for Karen B Dan Income Tax Service

10-year Tree Growth Certification: Tamara Ashbury Hoy, R17-6

Oxford County Assessment of \$36,720

FEMA payment of \$8,731.32 received

2007-2008 Salt bid prices from AVCOG

DEP changes to Significant Wildlife Habitats: Sumner map of inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat
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Road Report: Keach has changed the culvert on Cottage Road and said the job went well. It cost about \$4,231 plus the culvert. McNeil asked him if he had checked in Town for crushed stone. Keach replied he had not because no one in Town has it. He has graded Valley and Barrows Roads; gravel was hauled on Barrows and Heath Hill Roads as part of the FEMA work. He received a call from Joanne Corcoran about grading too close to the stone walls on Valley Road. He said he needed to ditch for washouts, but will try to grass it. McNeil questioned the donated materials on Maynard Farrar's bill, saying it was a red flag to the auditor and could be questioned about the use of a contractor and donations of large amounts of goods. McNeil said the Town cannot accept donations. Silber and Hinckley said that donations and volunteers cannot be stifled; people donate because it is their town. Pratt said the municipal building was put up by contractors who volunteered time and materials; she said 95% of townspeople would be thrilled to know of these donations. McNeil agreed it is a wonderful thing, but the contractor should be paid. Silber said he has never considered donations when awarding bids and added that if more people were hired then influence might not be a factor.

Old Business:

Wade Rainey went over his figures for the valuation of Beep's Bakery using Cama schedules and the Marshall & Swift valuation guide. The Board accepted his figures and would like to talk to him at a later date about doing the annual assessing work.

MMA sent a legal opinion on Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge saying that the Town is not responsible for the bridge. Donald Hutchins from MDOT said that if there is an accident someone will be responsible and he feels the Town should take care of the bridge. He has agreed to meet with the Board at the Bridge on

October 9 and will try to bring John Buxton, MDOT engineer. The Board decided on a 3:00 PM meeting that will be open to public attendance, but not public discussion.

Tom Standard sent in a map of Fields Hill Cemetery and the layout of graves.

John O'Donnell and Norton will meet on October 2 to factor land tables excepting tree growth, open space and farm land.

The presentation of the Boston Post Cane will be made to Erland Hammond on October 23 at 6:00 PM.

Lana Pratt will provide cookies.

New Business:

Runes advised the Board on banking and investment changes that have been made.

Hinckley will look at the Moses Buck stone in Hersey Cemetery to see if the old mortar should be removed and then will call Connie Cushing to give her approval to complete the repairs.

Lee Hewey will be asked to remove tree limbs in Fields Hill Cemetery that are a potential hazard.

Hinckley will talk to Dennis Biron about the maintenance of Butterfield Cemetery; access is blocked by brush and fallen trees.

Other:

Silber will be attending a forum on energy self-sufficiency sponsored by Western Mountains Alliance on November 1 in Kingfield.

Maynard Farrar sent in his Certification in Erosion Control Practices and Maine Determination of Independent Contractor Status as well as a gravel analysis of his gravel pits.

It was decided that the Town should require the Maine Determination of Independent Contractor Status.

Runes will get the applications.

McNeil met with Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes and the Buckfield Selectmen to look at applicants for the Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station. Philip McAllister was hired as a replacement attendant.

Hinckley asked who would pay for Rainey's services. McNeil and Silber said the Town would.

The meeting ended at 9:20 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 9, 2007

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

The Minutes of September 25, 2007 and Warrant #7 were received and approved. Checks 6096-6120 and Receipts 223-251 were reviewed by McNeil.

Open Session: Haxton said there will be a public hearing at 7:00 PM on the revised Floodplain Management Ordinance; the Selectmen's meeting will start at 7:30 PM. The Special Town Meeting to adopt the Ordinance will be held on November 27 at 6:30 PM; the Selectmen's meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

Standard is applying for a Homeland Security grant; he will put a citizen recognition page in next Sumner EMA newsletter.

The Planning Board is working on rules of procedure and agenda for meetings; would like to post agenda and minutes on web page.

CEO: Abbott will be contacted about the septic system on Mitchell Borsa's land; Keach was told that it may have failed. The tenant is no longer there.

Forms and Reports:

Concealed Firearm Permit Request for Background Check

Account Activity Report through September 30, 2007

Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$46,202

Tree Growth Certification: Peter and Deirdre Binney, R4, Lot 6

Appointments to Planning Board: John Allen, Candi Rousseau, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Gerald Farrar

The Board voided Sidney Abbott's appointment to the Planning Board—Planning Board Ordinance requires only 2 alternates, resident, no salaried employees

DEP has accepted the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance; map must be updated by 7/1/08—map currently with Planning Board, will go to AVCOG with revisions, then to town vote

Minutes of Neighbors Care meeting, next meeting October 24, 6:30 PM, Town Office

Road Report: Keach met with Donald Hutchins and John Buxton and Mark Silber at Labrador Pond Outlet Bridge; the abutments have failed and the bridge needs to be removed; Keach will remove it by end of October and place boulders and sign advising that bridge is out; at some point abutters may want to rebuild something and Town will relinquish public easement and bear no liability. Keach put in a culvert on Lower Sumner Hill, is ditching Fields Hill and added shoulder gravel to Valley Road where it was paved.

Old Business:

Connie Cushing completed repairs and took pictures of the Moses Buck stone in Hersey Cemetery.

Standard provided a report of his search for owners of cemetery lots in Fields Hill Cemetery. The Town will advertise for owners for 3 weeks and follow steps to acquire the cemetery (MRSA 30A, Sec. 3107).

New Business:

There will be a School Reorganization Meeting with Commissioner Susan Gendron at Paris Elementary on October 16. Standard volunteered to be the community member for the SAD 39 Reorganization Committee.

Lee Hewey will be invited to the November 13 meeting to discuss changes to the next mowing contract.

Clifford Lowe will be invited to the December 11 meeting to discuss any plowing concerns.

The Implementation Committee will discuss policy on use of the informational sign and bring suggestions the to next Selectmen's meeting—general feeling is to post notices for community events.

Applications for Predetermination of Independent Contractor Status will be sent to Town contractors.

Other:

October 23-6:00 PM, Presentation of Boston Post Cane to Erlon Hammond at Ledgeview.

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 23, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Committee member Lana Pratt, Mary Standard for the Lewiston Sun Journal, and property owner Dennis Biron.

Warrant #8 was received and reviewed. Checks 6121-6197, Receipts 223-279 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Standard said that the Swap Shop is very successful and has a number of volunteers and that people have requested that the Shop be open on Wednesday as well as Saturday. Board approval was given. The Boston Post Cane was presented to Erland "Erlon" Hammond by the Board before the meeting.

Mr. Hammond is the 15th recipient of the Sumner cane.

CEO Sidney Abbott has been ill. McNeil will call him to talk about a few unresolved issues.

Forms signed:

Commitment of taxes @ .01640 per 1000 on \$50,854,629 taxable valuation

Tree Growth Certification: Paul and Dolores Ackley, R9, Lot 12

Appointments to Planning Board: Candi Rousseau, alternate to 8/31/08

General Assistance Quarterly Return-no claims for reimbursement

Assessor Notification form 801 for Inergy Propane LLC

Adoption of GA Appendices

Approved policy on Town Reader Board submitted by the Implementation Committee

Reports received:

Minutes of the September 20 Fire Department meeting

Financial statements for Buckfield-Summer Transfer Station. McNeil reported on the October 2 Board meeting. It was voted to recycle plastic milk jugs. The gate will be widened and the building stained for \$1500. The Board will hold off on buying a 2nd Swap Shop trailer until spring; Silber said space is needed for appliances. Ralph Beck, Phil McAlister and Bill Harmon were hired as station attendants. McNeil will attend the MMWAC meeting on the 25th.

Oxford County Sheriff's Sex Offender Notification Report

Road Report: Keach has removed the Russell Road Bridge and blocked both sides with rocks.

New Business:

Biron called the Office to say he would like to attend and discuss the cemetery on Estes Road and his housing development. He started by saying that he just discovered the cemetery was there and thought the grave sites could be dug up to see if there were any remains. Later in the discussion he talked about the cemetery when he was a kid and said that still-born twins had been buried there and then moved.

McNeil said there is evidence that a larger cemetery is there. CEO Sidney Abbott called and stated that he checked and found at least 15 grave sites. Biron wants the Town to prove it is a cemetery; McNeil answered that Biron must prove it is not a viable cemetery and that Abbott will issue a "stop work" order.

Biron said he wants to take the excavator to the site; McNeil advised him to follow MOCA procedures.

Biron's further objections included stating there is one stone wall and that his contractors didn't know about a cemetery being there. His plan calls for the cemetery site to be the first house lot. McNeil reiterated that Biron must prove that there are no remains in this cemetery that has 3 stone walls and is shown on old Sumner maps. Biron was given a copy of the advice from MMA attorney Richard Flewelling and the statute reference prohibiting excavation or construction within 25 feet of a known burial site.

Other:

October 24-Neighbors Care meeting 5:00 PM, Town Office

October 27-Bottle Drive for Sumner Scholarship

November 8-AVCOG Planning Day at Hilton Garden Inn-Haxton, Hinshaw and McNeil will go

November 13-hearing at 7:00 PM on Floodplain Management Ordinance; 7:30 PM Selectmen's meeting-discuss mowing contract

November 27-Special Town Meeting on Ordinance 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM Selectmen's meeting

December 11-meeting with Clifford Lowe to discuss any plowing concerns. McNeil brought up the turnarounds on driveways and suggested perhaps creating new turnarounds. That brought up hauling in gravel to make turnarounds on roads the Town does not own. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM. Clerk Susan Runes took notes on the meeting.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 13, 2007

The meeting began at 8:00 PM following a hearing on changes to the Floodplain Ordinance.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley and Mark Silber, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton, Martha Elkin, George Jones, resident Dorothy Hinshaw and reporters Thomas Standard and George Twine.

The Minutes of October 23, 2007 and Warrant #9 were received and approved. Checks 6148-6187 and Receipts

280-324 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Haxton said the Ordinance Update Committee would be working on the Site Plan Review Ordinance and then the Subdivision Ordinance. She will check with the State on the suggested changes to the Floodplain Ordinance and have the Ordinance ready for the Special Town Meeting on November 27 at 6:30 PM.

CEO: McNeil will talk to Abbott about the issue of rubbish blowing from the Lilley property to the Berry property after he visits the site. Abbott is ill right now.

McNeil would like Dennis Biron and Darryl Brown to come to the next meeting to discuss the cemetery on Estes Road and the proposed housing development. Norton will contact them.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Appointments: John Plumley, Alt. CEO (asking \$14/hr and mileage), Kathleen Hawkins, Alt. LPI, Rick Houghton, Alt. ACO; all appointments to August 31, 2008.

Supplement Bradley M Benson, TG withdrawal, lack of plan and certification
Municipal Valuation Return

Fuel purchase agreement with Murray Oil @\$2.24/gal

Letter of support for Buckfield's grant application for EMA funds

Letter to Community Concepts supporting their application for funding

Letter from Dulcie Brown and Greg Sloan, request from Pamela Farrar: appealing valuations on property-tabled until November 27; abatement applications not filed

Proposed 2008 State valuation for Sumner: \$62,450,000 (taxable) (2007 \$54,400,000)

MMWAC sent surplus dividend check to Buckfield: \$7,195

Report from Sup't. Colpitts on consolidation efforts and talks

Certificate of Appreciation sent to Sumner Historical Society for work in Keene Cemetery

Town financial statements through 10/31/07

MMWAC October activity report

Road Report: Keach has changed culverts on Sumner Hill, Barrows Road and Fields Hill. He has ditched Fields Hill and Bonney Road and is cutting brush on Valley Road.

Old Business: The ad for Fields Hill Cemetery has been sent out—claims and objections must be registered at the December 11 meeting.

New Business:

The Town Office will be closed on November 16 and open again on Saturday, November 17.

ECO Maine representative Alison McCrady will visit the transfer station November 21 to do a cost analysis for single sort; she is willing to meet with selectmen during her visit.

Mowing contract changes were discussed with input from former contractor Lee Hewey. Norton will come up with a more specific list of maintenance requirements before the bid goes out. The old landfill on Rte. 140 will be included in the bid request, but separate from the mowing contract. Volunteer mowing and insurance will be looked into for the landfill.

Estimates from Lyndon Rogers on trim and roof shingles at the Municipal Complex will be filed for the next Budget Committee.

Silber will review cyber security booklets for municipal officials from Multi-State ISAC.

Greenwood Selectman Wayne Hakala has asked Silber to meet with him on November 29 concerning problems with Tri-Town Ambulance and Rescue service and administration. Hakala wants to discuss his concerns and options.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM following a Special Town Meeting at 6:30 PM at which the amended Floodplain Ordinance was adopted.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee members Thomas Standard, Mary Ann Haxton, Martha Elkin, Edwin Hinshaw and James Durfee, residents Stephen Peters and Dorothy Hinshaw and reporter Mary Standard.

The Minutes of November 13, 2007 and Warrant #10 were received and approved. Checks 6189-6207 and Receipts 325-356 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Mary Standard said the Swap Shop has turned over 3000 pounds of items this month. The Swap Shop is open Wednesdays from 9:00 to Noon and Saturdays from 9:00 to 3:00.

Property owner Dennis Biron and Mainland Development owner Darryl Brown came in to discuss the Estes Road Cemetery and the new housing development. Biron said he is going through the paperwork to determine the status of the cemetery. Brown said he was not aware of the cemetery or any problems until he was called by Norton about the meeting. He thought there was some confusion about what is there. He stated it is not his policy or his company's to disturb grave sights. Barry Allen did the survey and walked the property and researched the deeds; Allen is also a genealogist who would never disturb a cemetery. McNeil said he and Hinckley had inspected the site after getting a call that a skidder was in the cemetery; he felt it was clearly defined with three stone walls and had the CEO issue a Stop Work Order. He added that someone is responsible for what is there and that the surveyor should have known it was a cemetery when the subdivision map was being drawn up. He suggested there was oversight or not enough thorough research and said the Board needs to address the issue. Brown advised McNeil to be very careful claiming there was oversight. Durfee told McNeil several times he needed to follow the procedure of discovery in the Statute, Title 13, Section 1371-A.

Haxton asked Brown if he had looked at the site. He saw a base stone.

Biron asked what happened to the head stones and said he was told the cemetery was removed in the 1930s during a WPA project. He thought it was part of the Woodstock Poor Farm and has talked to Lenwood Andrews about it; Andrews told him that bones remain for hundreds of years.

Peters asked if there would be a house built there and why not just leave it out as a cemetery. Biron said he was upset with the suggestion by someone who is younger than he that it was cared for in the mid-1950s. He said excluding it would be the easy way out; we should know for sure.

Hinshaw asked if he agreed it was a cemetery and if he was attempting to resolve the status. Biron answered yes, but asked if it was perhaps a private burial ground.

McNeil said he believes it is a cemetery and wants a new Mylar of the plan setting aside the cemetery from Lot 14; the cemetery is already damaged and should be left alone.

Brown said Biron should follow the Statute, Paragraph 2, Subsection C and notify the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Committee and the local historical society president.

McNeil said he is considering asking the Board of Selectmen to file a complaint with the Maine Licensing Board of Surveyors. Brown replied that he hoped not as he would fight it; he said it would leave a real black mark on Barry Allen, one of the finest researchers in the State.

Biron said there should be records from the 1930s or he could get a court order to dig.

Hinckley said he has cared for graves since he was 16. He got calls about the cemetery and saw the sunken graves that are now dug up with skidder tracks. Silber said he was also at the site and advised Biron there is a lot of research needed and to go through the process and then get together to see what is discovered.

Brown asked the Board if they would be satisfied if he set up the 3 walls as a "possible burial space" or "ancient burial ground" in Lot 14. They all said "yes". McNeil said the decision shows the true integrity of Dennis Biron and Darryl Brown to the townspeople.

Forms and Reports received:

Sumner Fire Department Minutes of October 18, 2007.

FEMA reports on flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance study

Old Business: McNeil and Norton will review the mowing bid and contract; bids will be advertised in the Advertiser-Democrat for two weeks and on the Town's web page. Bids will be due January 22 by noon. Haxton has not heard back from Erik Designs on problems with the new sign board. Runes asked McNeil how she or the Planning Board would contact the alternates. He will have Houghton, Hawkins, and Plumley come in to be sworn in and talk to the Board at the December 11 meeting. Norton will correct the inconsistencies in the Trio and Cama databases for the conversion interface. John O'Donnell has outlined the steps for the corrections.

New Business:

Standard said the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program is an annual program. Heath Hill Road is the only project on Sumner's plan. Keach's plan is to pave it, but that is not allowed through the grant. Standard said the Town needs a new plan and list. This will be a project for the Road Committee.

Local Health Officer Training Requirements were given to Lee Berry.

There will be no meeting on December 25; the Board will sign the warrant on December 26.

Silber will talk to Fire Chief Robert Stewart concerning a citizen's complaint about a Sumner Firefighter's comment on his mental stability to the Sheriff's department; the comment is now part of the record.

Other:

McNeil and Hinckley will attend the meeting in West Paris to discuss Tri-Town Rescue.

Claims or objections to the Town's acquisition of Fields Hill Cemetery are due at the December 11 meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 11, 2007

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, residents and committee members Thomas Standard, Mary Standard, Edwin Hinshaw, Dorothy Hinshaw, Clayton Schneider, Phyllis Schneider, and Mary Ann Haxton.

The Minutes of November 27, 2007 and Warrant #11 were received and reviewed. Checks 6208-6242 and Receipts 357-374 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Superintendent Richard Colpitts brought in an outline of the new State requirements for the school budget process which calls for referendum ballot votes. The first budget meeting will be January 9. He also reviewed the consolidation talks at Haxton's request. SAD #39 is still negotiating with other districts. Alt. CEO John Plumley told the Board he will attend Planning Board meetings if called and come to the Selectpersons' meetings if there is a violation to discuss; he would charge his hourly rate. If he is called to an inspection, he charges \$14/hour and \$.40/mile. He is very concerned about Natural Resource Protection and rights of the people. He tries to educate property owners about regulations when there is a violation. He is certified for Shoreland Zoning and Land Use. He will write letters and send out forms and keep a record of his visits; he will submit detailed time sheets. If he attends a workshop, the cost will be split with Hartford. There were no claims or objections filed against the Town's acquisition of Fields Hill Cemetery. It was noted that the Board has followed the procedures of deed research and filing the notice of intended acquisition. The next step is to record a confirmation of the acquisition of the abandoned cemetery at the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and file with the Maine Old Cemetery Association. McNeil asked Haxton if she would continue the research on Fields Hill Cemetery; she declined. Standard said his daughter is an attorney who is willing to assist the Town. The Board wants to make sure that all decisions and recorded paperwork come from the Town Office so that there is no question of preferential treatment or favors. Hinckley expressed his concern about selling lots for burial even with the research that has been done.

Forms and Reports: signed

Request for Background Check from Maine State Police on Concealed Firearm Permit

Form 801 Assessor Notification of Personal Property value for Scientific Games

Road Report: Keach did not have a report.

Old Business: McNeil and Norton will go over the wording for the mowing bid and contract so that it can be posted. Bids are due January 22.

Runes has talked to Erik Designs about the sign board problems; they will send a representative.

Dulcie Brown sent a letter appealing a value of \$14,580 for the property on Labrador Pond Road that she paid \$20,000. McNeil said that unless she files a formal abatement request, the Town will not respond. Norton has sent her information on filing for an abatement.

A citizen complaint about the Sumner Fire Department's comment on his mental stability to the Sheriff's department was discussed. The citizen is upset that the comment about him is now on public record. Silber talked to Fire Chief Stewart and Assistant Chief McGinty who felt justified in asking for backup. McGinty did try to talk to the citizen who hung up on him. Silber said the Fire Department receives many calls that seem irrational and suggested that they respond to the dispatcher that the Department cannot respond if there is no evidence.

Other:

Financial accounts through 11/30/07 were available.

Hinckley will try to attend the meeting to discuss Tri-Town Rescue on the 13th.

December 25-No Meeting; sign warrant on December 26

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 8, 2008

The meeting did not begin until there was a quorum at 7:45 PM. Road Commissioner James Keach and Mary Standard left before then.

Attending: Selectmen Clifford McNeil and Glenn Hinckley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of December 11, 2007 and Warrant #13 were received and approved. Warrant #12 was signed 12/26/07. McNeil verified checks 6262—6290 and Receipts 375—428.

Open Session: Alt. ACO Rick Houghton came in to introduce himself and answer questions. He serves Bethel, Canton and Hartford and will possibly be taking over West Paris and Woodstock. He uses various shelters for strays. He charges \$25 for up to 2 hours, plus mileage and \$10/hour after 2 hours. He is certified for wild animals “Animal Damage Control”. He likes to be sworn in as the constable, which gives him more authority. He regularly takes classes to keep up-to-date and bills his contract towns alternately. He stressed that he only wants to assist Dannie Paine; that he is not trying to take over the job.

CEO: A new alternate needs to be appointed; the Board will discuss possibilities at the next meeting.

McNeil will talk to CEO Sidney Abbott about the Biennial Report Forms for Shoreland Zoning.

Forms and Reports:

Abatement: Fred H and Wendy Austin, U4, Lot 7, incorrectly assessed as owners

Supplement: Francis C and Cheryl H Shaskan, U4-7

Land for Maine’s Future: Norton will see about applying for the French properties on River Road.

EMA Director’s goals and objectives, certificate of IS-00200 training

State Planning Office has accepted the Floodplain Management Ordinance

DEP has extended the deadline to July 1, 2009 on updating Shoreland Zoning Ordinances

DEP final report on the Rte 140 municipal landfill

Sumner Fire Department Minutes from 11/15/07 meeting

EMA Committee Minutes from 12/3/07 meeting

Financial reports through 12/31/07 were available for the Board to review.

Road Report: Keach has dug drain holes in snow banks in anticipation of heavy rains. Hinckley will call the Moxceys about plowing problems on Spring Road. Roger Theriault, who lives on the public easement section of Spring Road, called to say that the road had been blocked and he cannot get it plowed.

Old Business: Sup’t. Colpitts sent word that the legislature may change deadlines for the school budget process.

The draft Confirmation of Acquisition of Fields Hill Cemetery was tabled until Mark Silber is present.

New Business: A representative is needed for the school budget committee; McNeil will call John Phillips.

2005 Tax Liens will mature on February 26, 2008; Runes said there are 34 properties.

McNeil will call Skip Stanley to discuss concerns about the plowing at the Complex and dry hydrants.

Other:

January 14-EMA meeting, 6:30 PM

January 22-bids on mowing contract due

January 23-Oxford County Municipal Officers, West Paris, 7:15 PM, Using Federal Dollars for First Responder Needs and Preparedness

January 26-Rabies Clinic from 10:00 AM to Noon

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 22, 2008

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Road Commissioner James Keach, Committee members Mary Ann Haxton and James Durfee, and reporters Mary Standard and George Twine. The Minutes of January 8, 2008 and Warrant #14 were received and approved. Checks 6291—6313 and Receipts 429—451 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Sarah Tucker, Donald Murphy, and Sherman Small, of New England Forestry, gave a mapping presentation for digital maps than can layer specialized maps over tax maps, such as tree growth, roads, wetlands, and animal habitats. Their data comes from the State's GIS. Their initial cost is \$7,500 to digitize the paper maps. Other companies will be contacted for proposals and Silber will clarify John O'Donnell's intentions in regards to continuing with assessing and updating the tax maps.

CEO: Norton sent the Biennial Report Forms for Shoreland Zoning to Abbott. He called the Office to say that he met with Linda LaMontagne about the conversion of a bunkhouse to living quarters. She said she will come to the next Planning Board meeting to discuss her situation; she now has two dwellings on 1.3 acres. He also called Darryl Starbird about a notification for the barn extension he has started. Starbird will get the form filled out for the Planning Board meeting. Abbott has also asked AVCOG for advice on subdivisions and minimum lot size.

Forms and Reports:

Sumner Fire Department Minutes from 12/13/07 meeting

Planning Board Minutes from 1/15/08 meeting

GA Quarterly report-2 cases reported to DHS

Financial reports 7/1/07--12/31/07 were available for review

Rep. Terry Hayes sent a copy of the Bridge Watch List from MDOT; Keach is aware of the problems with the bridges.

Old Business: Norton will send the Draft Confirmation of Acquisition of Fields Hill Cemetery to MMA for advice on the wording. Standard's daughter has not responded about the wording. The Board decided they will have a public hearing before selling any lots.

McNeil will call Skip Stanley about the plowing contract for the Complex and dry hydrants. Stanley has not been clearing the snow away from the hydrants and the plowing at the Complex has not been satisfactory. Hinckley looked into the problems on Spring Road and found a pile of wood chips in the road; Maynard Farrar is plowing beyond the pile so that the Theriault family can get out.

New Business: John Phillips will represent Sumner on the school budget committee.

Norton will send a letter to MDOT for use of the Radar Speed Trailer.

The Board said that alternate officers will be paid out of the budget for the regular appointees.

Two mowing bids were received. One was removed at the request of the bidder via a phone call to McNeil.

The remaining bid was from Lee A. Hewey for \$6950 per year. McNeil moved to accept the bid. Silber seconded. So voted.

Clifford Lowe will be invited to the next meeting to discuss his concerns with his plowing contract and increasing gas prices.

Other:

The EMA Newsletter was sent out and included reminders about the rabies clinic, the transfer station, and advice on emergency preparedness. Silber praised the volunteers on the EMA committees for the incredible amount of work being done. He said it showed their dedication to working for the community.

Silber reported on the Tri-Town Rescue meeting held in West Paris. There was talk of combining the services of PACE and Tri-Town and the differences in the costs for municipalities and patients. PACE bills the insurance companies and the patients; Tri-Town bills the insurance companies, patients and municipalities. There were claims of mismanagement and over-funding with Tri-Town. It was decided that the three town managers would research the problems and options and report back to the member towns' selectmen.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 12, 2008

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Secretary Cynthia Norton, CEO Sidney Abbott, residents Edwin Hinshaw, Dorothy Hinshaw, Kelly Affleck, Mary Ann Haxton, guest Geraldine Abbott, and reporters George Twine, Thomas Standard, and Duke Harrington.

The Minutes of January 22, 2008 and Warrant #14 were received and approved. Checks 6314—63 and Receipts 452—496 were verified by McNeil.

At 7:05 PM, McNeil moved to go into Executive Session according to 30-A MRSA, Section 2702 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Silber seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 7:32 PM. McNeil moved to resume the Selectpersons' meeting. Silber seconded. So voted.

Open Session: Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes came in to invite the Board to a March 4 meeting in Buckfield to discuss regionalizing services such as plowing and summer road maintenance; he also mentioned the possibility of coordinating town office hours so that when one office is closed the other can assist residents needing licenses. Hartford, Hebron and Minot will also be invited to the meeting.

Haxton said the Ordinance Update Committee hopes to have a draft of the Site Plan Review Ordinance to the Planning Board by March 18. The Implementation Committee will be meeting at the end of the month; their goal is to resolve inconsistencies in the Comprehensive Plan by June; they need the Road Committee to deal with the Transportation issues.

CEO Sidney Abbott received information from AVCOG on subdivisions and minimum lot size for two properties that Abbott is reviewing. He gave McNeil information on cell phone towers and asked him to forward it to the Planning Board as they have an application for a tower on Upper Sumner Hill.

Forms and Reports received and signed:

Appointments:

Budget Committee: Edwin Hinshaw, Mary Ann Haxton to 8/31/10

Arrabine Dunn Emergency Relief Fund: Wilda Dunham to 8/31/10

Scholarship Committee: Henri Arsenaault to 7/31/09

Ordinance Update Committee: Lana Pratt, Clayton Schneider to 8/31/09

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee: Lana Pratt, Edwin Hinshaw to 8/31/09, Clayton Schneider to 8/31/10, Henri Arsenaault to 8/31/10

Emergency Management Director: Thomas A Standard to 8/31/09

Nomination of Thomas Standard to Oxford County IMAT

Mowing contract for 2008-2010 with Leonell Hewey was signed.

801 Assessor Notification for personal property for Pitney Bowes

Request for Background Check for Concealed Firearm Permit

Tree Growth applications for Bradley Benson are on hold. McNeil signed a letter concerning the penalty for withdrawal in November 2007, asking for confirmation from Bradley that he understands the penalty must be paid.

Financial reports through 1/31/08 were available for the Board

2005 Tax Liens will mature 2/26/08-there are 13 property owners on the list

The Town received GA reimbursement of \$449.92

DEP approval of application for externally drained pit from David Bragg

Road Report: Keach and Standard have forms for the Hazard Mitigation grant program. Keach has patched pot holes and will be meeting with an MDOT official to measure road miles. The Board stated that Dan Jack's driveway is not a town way and should not be plowed. A letter will be sent to Lowe and Jack. Silber asked Keach to push back the banks at intersections for driver safety.

Old Business: Becky Seel, MMA attorney, sent an opinion on the Draft Confirmation of Acquisition of Fields Hill Cemetery. She felt the townspeople should vote to accept the cemetery and have a title search done. Standard's daughter is an attorney who is willing to certify a title search and draw up the title. She does not see the need for a survey since it is defined by the stone walls and the road. Standard suggested that markers

be placed for available lots. It was decided to put Fields Hill Cemetery and Howe Cemetery on the annual town meeting warrant.

New Business:

Clifford Lowe talked to the Board about plowing Spring and Russell Roads, which are town ways for only a portion of the roads. Both roads have residents living on the public easement portion. Lowe plows only the town way on Spring Road, but has been plowing to the residence on Russell Road. He can no longer plow to the Russell Road turnaround now that the bridge is gone. These issues will be resolved in the next contract. Don Hutchins, MDOT, called earlier to say that he had a State crew widen Greenwoods Road after getting calls from loggers. Lowe said he has been working on a road a day pushing back banks and that he has widened Greenwoods Road twice. He has had problems with homeowners plowing across the road and leaving snow in the roadway. The Board asked him to send a list of names to the Office so that letters can be sent.

Area loggers may have use of the building for Red Cross/CPR training recertification during Office hours. Runes has called Murray Oil for furnace repairs several times after it was cleaned. Several parts were replaced and it seems to be running properly.

The Town of Hartford sent a request for an estimate on fire coverage for 115 residents. The request will be given to the Fire Department.

Other:

CEO Sidney Abbott is interested in going to the FEMA Flood Insurance Mapping program.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, committee member Mary Ann Haxton, and reporter George Twine.

The Minutes of February 12, 2008 and Warrant #15 were received and approved. Checks 6341—6358 and Receipts 497—533 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session—Invitation to Speak: Haxton said that she is involved with the Harvesting Clean Energy Organization and Community Energy Partners whose mission is to work with communities on energy issues. She will look into the possibility of windmills. Silber agreed that is viable that Buckfield, Hartford and Sumner could set up a windmill and sell energy to help reduce property taxes and do something positive for the environment.

CEO Sidney Abbott called McNeil to ask for the Board's advice on the LaMontagne property issue. It was decided that Abbott should send a Notice of Violation of the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance and that the Board would send a notice of the penalty for lack of notification of intent to build after the spring assessing is done.

Forms and Reports signed and received:

801 Assessor Notification for personal property: Rentway Inc.

Tree Growth application from Brendan and Katherine Seames: R1, Lot 1

Buckfield Rescue contract for 2008-2009: \$4,588.65--\$17.00 each for 270 residents

General Assistance: mail-in review, Community Concepts form and update on federal poverty levels

2005 Tax Liens-one lien was not paid, but Runes has not been able to contact one of the family members

FEMA disaster funds available for projects 1591, 1644, 1691, 1693, 1716 will be given to Standard

Minutes: EMA Committee 2/7/08; Implementation Committee 1/24/08; Planning Board 2/19/08

SVFD met on 2/21/08 and voted unanimously for a vote of confidence in Chief Robert Stewart

2008 County tax: \$39,945 (2007--\$36,720)

Maine CDC: Widespread influenza in Maine

MDOT's Radar Trailer will be available to Sumner

Road Report: Keach had a meeting with MDOT on road miles and informed the Board that Dan Jack's driveway has been considered a road by MDOT. The road will be left as is for this plowing season, but the new plowing contract will be specific to roads and mileage.

A resident called to say that his mailbox was destroyed by a Town employee and he wants it replaced. He will be told to purchase a new one and send the bill to the Town.

Silber noted that drain holes need to be punched in the banks by March 15. McNeil added that Keach should clean out the ditches.

New Business: Runes will contact AVCOG to say that Sumner will go with Granite State for road salt.

There is a shortage of salt this year due to heavy and numerous storms this winter.

Other: A thank you goes out to Bob Runes who shoveled a path to the trash bin, the cover of the bin and part of the deck roof.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Submitted:

Approved:

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 11, 2008

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, committee members Mary Ann Haxton and Edwin Hinshaw, reporter George Twine and guest Geraldine Abbott.

Warrant #17 was reviewed and signed.

CEO Sidney Abbott and the Board drafted a Notice of Violation and Consent Agreement to be sent to Linda LaMontagne concerning the occupied bunkhouse. The Agreement calls for the bunkhouse to be vacated by July 1, 2008 and to have all plumbing fixtures and pipes removed. Refusal to sign the Agreement will result in a penalty of \$100/per day with a maximum of \$2,500 ~~before a lien is placed on the property.~~

Forms and Reports received and signed:

Open Space certification for Mark Silber R1, Lot 10 (transfer from Farmland classification)

MDOT paving schedule for Rte 140

MDOT Radar Trailer will be available to Sumner April 28-May 10

Financial reports through 2/29/08 were available

Regionalization meeting with Buckfield on March 3: discussed joint ownership of equipment and garages, fire departments, testing equipment and supplies, and jointly hiring for assessing and mapping.

Representative from those various committees should attend the next meeting.

It was decided not to participate in the AVCOG HHW collections.

Hinckley reported on the Road Committee meeting.

Road Report: Keach has the roads posted for 20,000 pounds until May 19.

Old Business: Silber will call John O'Donnell about the assessing, tax maps, and TRIO/CAMA conversion.

Hinckley will contact Wade Rainey about his cost for mapping.

New Business: Loraine Bonney was hired as a temporary cleaning person.

Keach volunteered to take the rubbish to the Transfer Station.

The new Winter Road Maintenance Contract will be taken care of the by the Road Committee.

In the discussion on the new Municipal Center Maintenance Contract, buying a truck for plowing and patching was discussed.

Runes will contact Glen Holmes about a list of waste categories accepted at the transfer station.

Lance Bean is willing to take over as town auditor. Runes will contact other towns for comparative costs.

Other:

March 19-Budget Committee meeting 9:00 AM

April 5-Neighbors Care potluck dinner, noon, elementary school

The meeting ended at 9:20 PM. Notes were taken by Susan Runes.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 25, 2008

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee member Mary Ann Haxton, and reporter George Twine.

The Minutes of February 26, 2008 and March 11, 2008 and Warrant #17 were received, a correction was made to March 11, and all were signed.

Open Session: Haxton said the Site Plan Review Ordinance has been divided into two portions. The first half was given to the Planning Board on March 18; they will have the second half on April 1. If all goes well, it will be ready for the Town Meeting. The Ordinance Committee will meet on April 1 at 6:00 PM; the Implementation Committee and EMA Committee will meet on March 27.

CEO: Linda LaMontagne signed the agreement to have her bunkhouse vacated and all plumbing fixtures removed by July 1, 2008.

Forms and Reports signed:

Insurance renewal agreement with Massamont Insurance Agency

Letter in support of Community Concepts' application for rural development funds

Road Report: Road signs needed-Ridge Road and Black Mountain Road

Old Business:

John O'Donnell will draw up figures for spreading out a revaluation over 4-7 years.

The Road Committee is working on the Winter Road Maintenance Contract and the Municipal Center Maintenance Contract and is considering one-year contracts.

Norton will contact Wade Rainey for an estimate on setting up tax maps.

Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes and Alison McCrady will attend the next meeting. Holmes will have information on Transfer Station waste categories and Grady will talk about single sort of recyclables.

New Business:

Runes reviewed the 2008-2009 budget and the draft recommendations of the Budget Committee.

The Committee is looking for a reduction of \$100,000 from the existing budget to compensate for increased costs in the school and county budgets and less funding from the State. The new plowing contracts are expected to be considerably higher due to fuel costs.

Research will be done on the costs of a Town-owned truck for plowing at the Complex and doing summer work. These figures will be considered for the 2009 budget.

Other:

April 5-Neighbors Care potluck dinner, noon, elementary school

April 1-Regionalization meeting in Buckfield at 7:30 PM

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 8, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee member Mary Ann Haxton, reporters George Twine and Thomas Standard and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of March 25, 2008 and Warrant #18 were received and signed. Checks 6404—6426 and Receipts 577-604 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Glen Holmes reported that DEP inspected the Transfer Station in January and noted 6 items not in compliance; all have been taken care of. He had drafts of the lists of recyclables and sample “tire tickets” that he plans to issue to help with the tire situation. He will be adding another container for the Swap Shop. Holmes then went over the 2008-2009 budget for the Station. He will try to find a use for scrap wood. Alison McCrady, Recycling Coordinator for ecomaine, talked to the Board about single-sort recycling and the advantages to the residents and taxpayers. She invited the Board to visit the facility in Portland. Holmes received an estimate of \$116,000 to set up the facility for single sort recycling and recommended against it at this time.

CEO Sidney Abbott has issued notice of a plumbing code violation at R18, Lot 2.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Tree Growth certification: Dwight and Jacqueline Dwinal, R6, Lot 13, Ralph and Karen Dunn, R7, Lot 2, Roland and Beverly Bennett, R1, Lot, CME R4, Lot 4

Appointment form for CEO/LPI Sidney Abbott to 8/31/08

Municipal Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs

Financial statements through 3/31/08

Memo from MMA concerning school consolidation legislation

Road Report: Lorraine Oja sent a thank you note for the care of roads this winter. Keach is making a list of sink holes and potholes that are showing up. He has been servicing the grader. Silber advised the Board that Sumner needs to start planning for salt storage. He suggested that the 30' x 60' metal building donated by Edgar Hinckley might be acceptable if placed on footers and with a paved floor. Silber thought it could hold 2500-3000 yards.

Old Business:

The Board decided against factoring land by 20% and will seek bids on a revaluation.

The Road Committee expects to have the bid notices and new wording for the Winter Road Maintenance Contract and Municipal Center Maintenance Contract for the next meeting.

Wade Rainey sent in tax map and assessing estimates.

New Business:

Silber responded to the Oxford County Commissioners in favor of a FY change to coincide with the State. Research will be done on the actual town boundary lines around North Pond Note in response to a note from Beverly Bennett.

EMA Director Thomas Standard requested that town leaders take ICS training; he will forward the online links for the training.

McNeil will inspect Black Mountain Cemetery to see what repairs are needed for the fence and stones.

A request for maintenance using the Black Mountain Cemetery Improvement Fund was received from Betty Harris. The fund was set up by her uncle, Burleigh Crockett, to take care of repairs.

Other: There has been no answer from Bradley Benson on his TG withdrawal penalty and new plan. Norton recommended that the new plan not be accepted until Benson pays the penalty. The Board agreed.