

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 13, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk Susan Runes, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee Chair Daniel Perron, Committee member Edwin Hinshaw, residents Don Berry and Lawrence Litchfield, Tri-Town Rescue representatives Lee Berry, Susan Litchfield, and Assistant Chief John Hamel, and Reporter Devin Conway. The Minutes of June 28, 2011 and Warrant #1 were received and approved with a correction to a map reference. Checks 8511—8530 (\$75,350.41) and Receipts 793—815 (\$14,020.13) were verified by Silber. Haxton and Silber signed the June 30, 2011, End of Year Warrant #25, Checks 8508—8510 (\$6,367.20).

Open Session: Perron told the Board he wanted to bring them up-to-date on Committee activities and address the conflict between the Committee and the Board. The Committee has set up email and Facebook accounts and placed a suggestion box and notebook with Minutes in the Office. The suggestion box will be checked on a regular schedule. They have chosen two ordinances from other towns that illustrate the most and least restrictive guidelines as the framework to create Sumner's. The main issues they are focusing on are 1-Health, 2-Safety, 3-Environment, 4-Legal, 5-Economics. Each member will be signing a Code of Ethics document.

Perron then brought up the conflict. He said as Chair he has been receiving a lot of emails that indicate a conflict; he wants to defuse the situation by giving reports to the Board and getting their feedback.

He listed questions that have come up at the Committee meetings: Why are the Selectpersons setting up a meeting with Clear Sky? Who is the boss? Do Selectpersons have confidence in the Committee? Why are Selectpersons so involved in this ordinance compared to other ordinances? He asked that the Selectpersons allow the Committee to do their work and create an ordinance.

Silber said the conflict originated in the Committee; Selectmen are always involved in creating Comprehensive Plans and Ordinances, ever since the first Comprehensive Plan in the early 1980s—it is the prerogative of selectmen. For example, the Selectmen created Road, Noise and Adult Business ordinances. He then offered compliments to Perron for his skills in moderating the meetings and to Hinshaw for assisting. He went on to say that a clear division of labor has been set-up, but there has been a movement to prevent the Selectpersons from participating. The Selectpersons were not consulted about the emergency meeting called for Sunday, July 10. The evidence presented was not peer reviewed; the speaker was a paid lobbyist. Silber said he would like to hear more information from all sides and learn what is best for the Town. (Note: An email was sent to residents from a Committee member urging attendance that afternoon to hear "Rick James-Acoustics Expert" speak at the West Sumner grange. The email was sent using the Town's address list. Norton stated she was very surprised to see the message sent out using that list with a message from her at the bottom. It gave the impression that the Office or she had either sent or approved the message.)

Perron said he was not clear on how to pinpoint the problem and to resolve it; he would like to come to the Selectpersons with problems.

Silber replied that individual action by Committee members undermines the Committee Chair and the Board. Haxton asked 'what is the role of the interface between the Selectpersons and the Committee?' She thought the Board had been authorized to set up informational hearings.

Hinshaw said that the Selectpersons appoint the Committee, but are not members of the Committee.

Decisions need to be voted on by the Committee and be ethical. Hinshaw thought the Board had contacted Clear Sky about a hearing without talking to the Committee. He misunderstood that Hinckley was contacting the Committee first to see about a meeting. He added that the Committee's job was to create an ordinance for the best interests of the Town. They are to collect information and be transparent.

Haxton affirmed that sub-committees do research, report back to the Committee, the Committee takes action.

Silber said selectmen are ex officio members of all town committees; they are the governors of the town.

Perron said he did not attend the Sunday meeting because it had not been called by the Committee. He stated sub-committees will not host hearings or meetings. The Committee cannot stand behind private citizen meetings.

Haxton told Perron and Hinshaw that the Board had sworn the Committee in because they trusted them to do their job. She then asked how setting up the informational hearings worked between the Board and the Committee.

Perron said he was pleased with the confidence in the group. They are trying very hard to be fair and unbiased.

Silber said Hinckley would set up a public meeting with Clear Sky for August 18 to be held in the fire station.

Hamel updated the Board on Tri-Town Rescue. He said the budget is okay even without the Town of Greenwood; they are ready to continue coverage for West Paris and Sumner. Hamel reported that in 2009 Tri-Town responded to 33 calls in Sumner with a response time of 12 minutes, 32 calls in 2010 and 12-minute response, and for 2011, 15 calls with a 10-minute response time. Budget statements were left for the Board's information.

CEO: Bids on removing household rubbish on vacant house lots—Steve and Sons -\$1,000; Notice was posted on both properties that clean-up will take place in August. Runes asked the Board why the Town is paying to clean up these lots. Haxton replied that they are a degradation of the neighborhood. The mortgage-holder will be sent a bill for the clean-up.

Stream work on Rooney property on Labrador Pond Road—George Affleck filed a Permit by Rule Notification Form for Restoration of Natural Areas

DEP violation on Pleasant Pond—no update

Abbott told Norton that he had not talked to Dennis Biron about the subdivision road; he said that nothing has changed; the road is not being used. He thought that Keach should just grade across the logging road to stop the wash onto Biron Road. The Selectpersons and Planning Board want Abbott to talk to Biron about the altered subdivision plan.

#### Forms Signed:

General Assistance Quarterly Report—requesting \$66.07

Letter of Engagement for audit by Hoisington & Bean, P.A.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: signed with changes to Article 17—Wind Power Committee expenses \$1,000 and Clean-up of vacant lots \$1,000, Article 30—Planning Board account will be raised to \$2,700.

Homestead Declaration of Certified Ratio—100%, 317 estimated exemptions for \$3,151,658

#### Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of July 5, 2011—Silber will post on the web page

Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of June 30, 2011—Silber will post on the web

MEMA RiskMAP Hazard Mitigation Project—Lisa Benneman will be collecting the data

Smart meter update—work will begin in August, residents have been notified with options

State preliminary valuation for 2012—65,250,000 (est. Town value 70,153,640)

Financial statements through 6/30/11

Road Report: Keach has put down gravel and graded the Arthur Allen Road.

#### Old Business:

Shoreland Zoning map and notes for Town Meeting Warrant—hearing date August 3, 7:00 PM; Norton will see if John Maloney, AVCOG, can attend.

1978 tanker has been paid for and picked up

Bids for generator—Silber suggested the Town purchase the generator and put the installation out to bid.

Haxton thought the Board was quite busy and should bid the whole project. Silber will draw up specs for Norton to send out. New Business:

Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance—on hold for future consideration

New fireworks legislation—can Sumner opt out of allowing them to be used within Town limits?

Norton will research.

Runes will take vacation time the week of July 24.

#### Other:

Four or five Committee members will attend the MMA presentation on wind power on July 14.



## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 27, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Wind Ordinance Planning Committee members Kathleen Emery and Lana Pratt, residents John Gammon, Richard and Linda Pothier, and Theodore Dawicki and Reporter Devin Conway.

The meeting was preceded by a hearing on the PACE Ordinance that is being proposed for adoption at the Annual Town Meeting on August 8. Silber explained the Ordinance. There were no questions or comments.

The Minutes of July 13, 2011 and Warrant #2 were approved. Checks 8531—8540 (\$6,694.00) and Receipts 816—838 (\$30,055.17) were verified by Silber.

### Open Session:

Emery presented an outline for an informational meeting on August 18 with Clear Sky Energy, LLC and Friends of Maine Mountains. The agenda provided for a presentation by the Committee Chair and then 2 to 2 ½ hours for the two organizations followed by questions. The Board asked if the information could be presented in two different sessions to avoid a 4-hour meeting. Haxton suggested the presenters be given a set of questions in advance so that both groups would be able to address the concerns of the Committee. Emery will go back to the full Committee with the suggestions and report back to the Board at their meeting on August 3.

Dawicki asked why Clear Sky was being invited to present information before the ordinance is developed. He said they may not want to come [with a proposal] after the ordinance is done; it is a waste of time and the Committee should be allowed to write the ordinance. Haxton said the Committee needs to evaluate information and needs input from different sources. Silber added that it is the Selectpersons' job to give all citizens all kinds of information; it is their responsibility.

Dawicki then wanted to know when the Committee was chosen. He said he asked Hinckley to be appointed as being against wind at the Special Town Meeting to adopt the wind moratorium ordinance. Hinckley told him there were enough members. He then asked to be appointed as pro wind and got the same answer. Hinckley responded that he didn't remember the conversation. Dawicki said three members have quit and the remaining members will be the puppets of the Selectmen. He also thought Clear Sky Energy would bully the Committee into creating an ordinance that would benefit their company. He read from the moratorium ordinance and said there would be only one meeting held on the wind ordinance and then it would be adopted the way the Selectmen wanted it to be. Haxton asked for the ordinance and re-read it to him and explained that there would be "at least" one meeting. Silber explained the procedure for writing and adopting ordinances—that there are hearings where changes can be made, then another hearing. When there are no changes suggested, it goes to a town meeting. If it is voted down, it goes back to the committee responsible for writing it.

Richard Pothier stood and asked for the specific procedure to recall selectmen in the town. He also requested that his wife be allowed to record the answer. Permission given. Haxton said state law determines the procedure. Silber said a Recall Ordinance is needed and that Sumner does not have one, but that it would be by petition. Norton will get the information on how the process works.

Pothier asked how an ordinance is chosen and who writes it. Haxton explained that the Ordinance Update Committee is currently working on the Subdivision Ordinance and reviews ordinances from towns similar in size to Sumner and also gets advice from MMA and AVCOG. Norton will get the information on citizen presented ordinances.

Silber said that it is customary and legal for selectmen to be on committees-which they appoint; he has personally worked on many ordinances for Sumner.

Pothier then said his deed refers to the Old County Road, then it was changed to Russell Brook Road and now it is Abbott Pond Road. He said he wants all written records on Sumner roads. He said there is a problem with Abbott Pond Road washing out on Redding Road.

Gammon said there is no problem with the road. His grandfather bought the land [along Redding and Abbott Pond Road] in 1946. It's a back road that's always been there. Now everyone is claiming ownership, but it's just a road and there is no problem.

Norton said deeds often refer to old county roads that reverted back to the property owners in the 1950s. This particular road was named Abbott Pond Road when the E911 addressing went into effect. The condition of the road will be put on the August 23 meeting agenda when the Road Commissioner will be there to answer questions.

Joseph Kazar, Executive Director, gave a very informative presentation on MMWAC and its operations. Norton asked him if he made school presentations—both schools are involved in gardening and composting and this is a natural follow-up. He is willing to come to the schools. Norton will contact the appropriate teachers.

Forms signed:

Appointments: Planning Board-Lawrence O'Rourke, August 31, 2013, Kathleen Emery, Alternate, August 31, 2012

URIP Certification—\$53,820, Capital Improvement Expenditures were listed on the form  
Request for Background Check for Concealed Firearm Permits—2 permits

Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of July 19, 2011

Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of July 14, 2011

Resignation of James Durfee and Edwin Hinshaw from Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee

Resignation of Edwin Hinshaw from Planning Board

Norm Haggan, MDOT, plans to have a guardrail installed on the river bank on Rte. 140.

Permit By Rule Notification from MDOT for bridge between Hartford and Sumner, Rte. 140

Statement from Oxford County Commissioners on review of EMA operations

Proposal and Section 106 filing for cell tower on Upper Sumner Hill by Black Diamond Consultants and a request from CMP for antenna installation on cell tower—will be given to the Planning Board

Road Report: Keach has been ditching Valley Road.

New Business: The date to meet with Michael Rogers for a presentation on financial impact of wind turbines will be set up when the Information Committee has finalized dates for the meetings with Clear Sky Energy and Friends of Maine Mountains.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 3, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Clerk Susan Runes, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Committee members Kathleen Emery, James Durfee, Lana Pratt, Jeffrey Pfeifer, John Allen, Lawrence O'Rourke, and Reporter Mary Standard .

The meeting began with the Shoreland Zoning Map hearing. Stephen Peters had concerns and questions about the classifications, especially as they affected his property. He wanted to know what had been worked on since the last town meeting when the vote was tabled, and who had been notified. O'Rourke said notifications had not gone out. Haxton said the last work done was the site visit to Peters' property. Edwin Hinshaw and Durfee said it was the Planning Board's determination that Peters' side of the river is not in a flood area.

Peters said his understanding of the process is that FEMA created the FIRM maps; AVCOG then developed the Shoreland Zoning Maps and sent them to Planning Boards; landowners are notified of changes; the landowner contacts the Planning Board if the 100-Year Flood Plain designations are incorrect; the CEO does a site inspection and makes a determination; the maps are sent back to AVCOG. He has attended several Planning Board meetings and contacted John Maloney at AVCOG and has not received an answer. He is appealing to FEMA with the help of Senators Snowe and Collins.

Haxton asked if his issue was with FEMA and the FIRM maps. He said his issue is the Shoreland Zoning map. Haxton asked if the Town should go forward with adopting the map at the August 8 Town Meeting. She pointed out the disclaimer at the bottom of the map that the depiction of the boundaries is merely illustrative, with determinations to be done by on-site inspections. Robert Runes said the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance has a clause that allows individual inspection and determination on a local level.

He said his land is now LR and he has been trying to restore fields—what does the Planning Board say, can he restore? Durfee asked him to invite the CEO and Planning Board for a site visit.

Durfee went on to say that there are issues with the water tables on an annual basis. He also thought John Maloney's presentation and answers were very weak. The new designations have had a big financial impact for some. He asked if the map can be appealed or if it can be amended after adoption; these are questions for DEP. Silber thought it should be amendable and the Planning Board should support the petitioners.

Clerk Susan Runes advised the Board not to accept the map if there are changes that need to be made; she said it would be easier to change it before it is accepted. O'Rourke added that the disclaimer is not acceptable; a petitioner would go to great expense. The map has been imposed on the Town and is a greater task than the Town can handle.

Haxton said the Board will recommend at the Town Meeting that the vote be tabled again. Notices will be sent out with tax bills advising property owners to look at the map. Silber suggested contacting OCS&W for their input and asked when the map would be satisfactory. Hinshaw said if it is amendable. Peters said after proper notification and a review.

Runes will talk to Maloney to ask about changes and amendments and final acceptance.

The hearing ended at 7:45 PM.

Emery presented the update from the Wind Ordinance Planning Committee. The Committee wants to proceed with one meeting with 40 minute presentations and 15-20 minutes Q&A sessions. Committee Chair Daniel Perron will make a brief presentation prior to the two organizations. He will also give an update at the Town Meeting. Haxton said it sounds favorable. She will moderate the meeting; there will be no debate—it is an informational meeting. Norton will send the Committee the flyer from Clear Sky Energy for possible ideas. Clear Sky made up the flyer for the Town to use if so desired.

Silber spoke to emails from Jeffrey Pfeifer and the Minutes from IWOC July 28, 2011 which included this line: *M & S to allow Mrs. Dwinal to speak. Concerned about the apparent close relationship of the select board and Clear Sky.* He assured Pfeifer that he has read laws and regulations on municipal officers and has followed up with an MMA attorney. He stated selectmen are ex-officio members of committees and that this Board could call a meeting with Clear Sky Energy.

He found the statement by Mrs. Dwinal to be very disturbing. He has been a selectman for 29 years and is totally honest. He has never lied or taken anything from the Town. He noted that he has always donated the

plants for the Town Office and that he and his wife started the Sumner Scholarship Fund, to which contributions have been given in her memory. He would never do anything to jeopardize the Town; he is sick and grieving and has lost friends as the Town has become divided. It is not the Town of the past 30 years that he said was "my community". He has been accused of taking money and being in cahoots with others. He is a public official who is always courteous to others and spends a great deal of time talking with neighbors and townspeople. He was born in a totalitarian government and came to this country; democracy is a process that needs a division of thoughts.

Now he wants nothing to do with IWOC. He will divert any questions to the Committee; he wants no fabrication. He may not go to the informational meetings. He would rather have the community heal itself. Ted Dawicki told him not to take it personally because everyone has different opinions.

Silber said he has different values and does not want to end up dependent on other nations and oil. He is a proponent of wind power and alternative energy; he has relatives and friends fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. He does not want to send any more men and women to war; he wants them all to come home safely.

Richard Pothier said the United States had a volunteer force; he and many others have volunteered to serve their country.

Allen said that Silber should know that Maine doesn't use oil to produce electricity.

Pfeifer asked him if he still considered himself an ex-officio member of committees. Silber said he is, but he will have nothing more to do with IWOC.

Bob Runes spoke up and said this is a divisive and passionate issue. He said you put feelings, emotions and beliefs aside when you work for the Town, but people are forgetting what is best for the Town and may be saying things they will regret.

The Office received a written resignation of Glenn Hinckley as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor effective August 1. His term ends August 2012. Runes gave the procedure for election at town meeting: the resident candidate must be present and state intention to run for remainder of term, the name must be written in and checked off on the ballot.

Norton will send Hinckley an acknowledgement of his resignation and his many years of service.

Rescue coverage: Nick DiMaio, Buckfield ERT, told Runes there is a discussion between MedCare and Buckfield Rescue about coverage and satellite stations for some time in the future. Sumner could be included. Runes told him Sumner is interested in more information.

Two bids were received for the generator installation. Daniel Wescott, Wescott Electric LLC, bid \$2,599, Kendall Hadley, Abounding Electric Inc, bid \$2,700. Wescott's bid was accepted, contingent on budget approval at the Town Meeting. There was discussion on the type and size of generator. Silber said he sought advice from Durfee and the electricians who bid.

The meeting was taped by Jeffrey Pfeifer.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 8, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Clerk Susan Runes, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton. Audience members Daniel Gessinger, James McCarthy, Jeffrey Pfeifer, John Allen, Ingrid Eriksson, Richard Pothier, Linda Pothier, Jacqueline Dwinal, Dwight Dwinal.

The Minutes of July 27, 2011 and August 3, 2011 were approved.

Warrant #3 was signed. Checks 8541—8563 (\$74,197.80) were verified by Silber.

Open Session: The audience wanted to know why Wind Committee Chair Daniel Perron had not been able to speak at the Town Meeting. Moderator Terry Hayes denied discussion during the Town Meeting on any subject that was not on the Meeting agenda. It had been expected that Perron would speak about the Committee's activities (it is not clear that Perron actually requested permission to speak). Allen asked Silber if he had been on the Meeting agenda and why he was allowed to speak. Silber replied that he was not, but he had asked Hayes to be allowed to speak before the Meeting. Hayes called for a vote to interrupt the Meeting before Article 2 was taken up. Silber then offered a tribute to Glenn Hinckley and spoke about his own years in Office and recent controversies. Hayes then presented a certificate to the Standards from the Maine Legislature in recognition of 56 years of marriage and community service. During the Meeting, John Hamel was allowed to speak about Tri-Town Rescue in response to questions. Hamel had approached Hayes prior to the Meeting

### Forms and Reports:

Tree Growth Certification—10-year, Rodger and Concepcion Lincoln, R3, Lots 6 and 7

Planning Board Minutes of August 2, 2011

Oxford County request for Public Works Inventory—Norton will talk to the EMD, Fire Chief and Road Commissioner for assistance in filling in the information.

Larry O'Rourke is monitoring the water of Labrador Pond per guidelines Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

Road Report from the work sheet: Redding Road—ditching, gravel, culvert; Morrill Farm and Black Mountain Roads—grading and gravel; roadside mowing on several roads

### New Business:

Date to meet with Michael Rogers for presentation on financial impact of wind turbines-Wind Committee will set up

Clerk mandatory training—September 8, Deputy Clerk Frances Babb may not be available. If she is not, the Office will be closed. Babb has notified the Office that she can no longer serve as deputy.

Applications for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector/Registrar of Voters will be available on August 10 and due back August 23. The application and job description will be posted online.

Nomination papers for the 1-year selectman will be available August 10 and due back August 30. The Special Town Meeting to elect the new selectperson will be on September 13 at 6:30 PM.

### August 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectpersons' Meeting:

Draft Recall Ordinance-Haxton will write the draft using the MMA sample and ordinances from several towns. Norton will get copies of the Buckfield and Paris ordinances for Haxton. Eriksson asked why the ordinance was being written. Haxton replied that Pothier had asked about the process and the Board realized that Sumner did not an ordinance in place that would allow recall. Pothier said he had no time frame in mind, he just thought the Town should have an ordinance. Pfeifer asked who would be writing the ordinance. Haxton said that she would. She will try to have it done for review at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and then set up a hearing for August 30 or September 6. The Ordinance will then be voted on at the Special Town Meeting on August 13.

Draft Local Food Ordinance

Discussion of Abbott Pond Road and Redding Road, and Heath Hill Road

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 23, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Clerk Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Fighters Kelly Stewart, Jeremy Stevens, Walter Litchfield, Committee members Lana Pratt, Marianne Todd, Kathleen Emery, James Gammon, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporter Mary Standard and residents James McCarthy, Daniel Gessinger, Richard Pothier, Theodore Dawicki, Walter Jasniewski and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of August 8, 2011 and Warrant #4 were received and approved. A DVD copy of the August 3 meeting is available in the Office. Checks 8564—8587 (\$21,354.54) Receipts 840-890 (\$47,168.19) were verified by Silber.

Open Session: Lisa Buck, CAB Chair, James Miclon, RCC Director and Geoffrey Inman explained how calls are displayed and plotted in the dispatch office. Calls made from cell phones are very difficult to plot to determine the appropriate emergency responders. Inman had an updated map showing the zones in Sumner. He suggested the boundary lines be determined by intersections. Norton will work on the map zones and the number of houses in each zone.

Jasniewski brought in a detailed hand-written list of properties that he felt were unfairly assessed at very low values. He said he was not complaining about his value—he just wants everyone to pay their fair share. Silber complimented him on the extensive amount of time he put in and explained about different assessment tables. He suggested Jasniewski look at the property cards to see what factors, land tables and building conditions may have been applied. This might answer some of his questions and eliminate the need to go through the whole commitment book. Runes gave him a copy of the land schedule.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Intent to Harvest Notification—Jack Rowland, R17, Lot 44

Biron subdivision road—Biron has no plans to change the road; Keach can ditch across the end of the logging road.

Stewart brought up a concern that the Waterman house is being lived in. The two chimneys in the house were condemned in the winter of 2007-2008; he would like to keep an eye on the house. Abbott will talk to the tenant about heating the house this winter.

Renewal of Volunteer Firefighter insurance

Forms signed:

Warrant for Special Town Meeting on September 13, 2011 to elect Selectperson, adopt Recall Ordinance

Committee appointments:

Planning Board—James Durfee Aug 14, John Allen Aug 14

EMD—Thomas Standard Aug 12

Comprehensive Plan—Phyllis Schneider, Lana Pratt, Martha Elkin Aug 13

Budget—Michael Trenoweth, Arlene Silverman Aug 13

Scholarship—Marcia Turcotte, Alden Acker, Rhea Kennelly Aug 13

Arrabine Dunn Emergency Relief Fund—Edwin Hinshaw Aug 14

Reports received:

Resignation of Martha Elkin from Board of Appeals

Planning Board Minutes of August 16, 2011

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of August 11, 2011

Financial Statements through 7/31/11 were reviewed.

Municipal Official Survey Technical Report from UMaine

Road Report: Keach will order a new McNeil Road sign and bracket and a sign for Abbott Pond Road.

Abbott Pond Road continues to wash over Redding Road causing flooding, and icing during the winter. Keach will talk to the Road Committee for a recommendation and get written permission from the abutters to work on the road.

Keach said he sometimes grades Heath Hill Road, but the gravel has washed to Rte 219 and he needs to use a backhoe to bring it back. The Board authorized him to purchase gravel to fix the road. He will call

the State to advise them the culverts need to be cleaned out.

Runes will check with MMA about putting a sign on private property and working on private roads.

Keach will not replace a culvert on Trenoweth Road as it is a private driveway on a private road.

Paving bids for one mile of Redding Road were received from Pine Tree Paving \$73.16/T w/890 tons, Rampart \$79.60/T w/ 1000 tons, Pike \$79.00/T w/1050 tons, RC & Sons \$72.55/T w/1000 tons. RC & Sons was accepted; Keach will make sure they make the driveway cuts.

Keach put down 48 yards of gravel on Redding, Tuell Hill and Barrows Roads.

Old Business: Silber donated a slab for the generator. He has ordered the generator and accessory items.

Wescott will deduct the cost of a slab from the contract.

New Business: Three applications were submitted for the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Tax

Collector/Registrar of Voters. The Board will set up interview appointments for September 1. The

Motor Vehicle training date is September 21.

Runes will attend Clerk mandatory training on September 8; she may need to close Office for that day if the deputy clerk is not available.

Haxton brought in a Recall Ordinance that she drafted using the MMA sample and several towns. The hearing date will be September 6. Pothier also had a draft ordinance that was very similar to the MMA sample; all points are covered in Haxton's draft.

Draft Local Food Ordinance—on hold, post on web page

EMA table top training sessions will be considered to allow applications for grants.

Litchfield talked about the use of the fire station for public meetings. The Department needs notice to get someone to pull the trucks out and put them back in; cold weather is a problem if the trucks are left out for several hours. Stewart said the Department has business meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and training session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and cannot give up the station or a meeting room. He also noted that when a meeting goes very late and the firefighters are called out in the middle of the night, they end up putting in a very long day. Stewart got two air pack bottles from the MMA grant; the bottles cost \$955 each.

Other:

The Wind Ordinance Planning Committee has set August 30 for a presentation by Michael Rogers on the financial impact of wind turbines, 6:30 PM in the Fire Station.

The Board adopted a policy for payments for certain salaries and stipends to be paid at the end of each quarter.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Daniel Perron, Clerk Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, residents Richard Pothier, Theodore Dawicki, Laurier Perron, Martha Elkin, James McCarthy, guests Dwight Dwinal and Geraldine Abbott, and Reporter Mary Standard.

Prior to the meeting, Daniel Perron was elected to a one-year term as selectman. The Town of Sumner Ordinance Recall of Elected Municipal Officers was adopted.

The Minutes of August 23, 2011 and Warrant #5 were received and approved. Checks 8588—8639 (\$85,984.27) Receipts 891—931 (\$54,835.07) were verified by Silber.

Open Session: Henri Arsenault gave the Board the updated Scholarship Fund Bylaws, which allow bottle drive funds to go to cash awards and not to the principal.

### CEO Sidney Abbott:

Clean up of property in West Sumner village—taken care of

DEP violation on Pleasant Pond—Abbott needs to put pressure on DEP to follow through

Bonney Road and Lower Sumner Hill properties cleaned by Steve and Sons, new owner of 57 Bonney Road will receive the bill

Waterman house—tenant is just doing some work while the weather is warm

### Forms signed:

Policy for salary and stipend payments

Appointments:

Board of Appeals—Henri Arsenault Aug 14

Deputy Clerk—Elizabeth G Rice

Deputy Registrar of Voters—Elizabeth G Rice December 31, 2012

Agreement with Maine Community Foundation for the Sumner Scholarship Funds

### Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of September 6, 2011

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of September 8, 2011

Road Report: Keach signed a mower rental agreement with Howard P Fairfield LLC for the week of October 10. He also signed a contract with RC & Sons Paving for paving Redding Road that includes driveway aprons. He has blasted ledge on Redding Road to prepare for paving.

Road name signs are in and will be put up. Keach ordered culverts from Paris Farmers Union.

Cold mix has been put down in several areas. Tuell Hill and Decoster Roads each sustained \$1000 in damage from Hurricane Irene. This will be claimed for FEMA reimbursement.

Keach has constructed a piece for the cylinder brakes on the grader.

### Old Business:

Generator hook-up will be Friday, September 15 at 11:00 AM; power will be off 2 to 3 hours. Stewart offered the use of the SVFD generator during that time; Dawicki also has a generator. Silber will call Wescott about the placement of the generator, which is too close to the building. It needs to be 5 feet.

### New Business:

Runes reported on absentee ballot law change—ballots must requested by the Thursday before a Tuesday State or Federal election.

Fire Department concerns—Stewart noted that doors have been left open in the station, probably while the contractors were working on the generator. There is a sign-out sheet for the key that is available to Town Committees. It was stressed that the SVFD uses the building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays.

The Wind Committee has set tentative dates of November 15 at 6:30 PM for a Special Town Meeting to vote on the wind ordinance; with a hearing on November 9. The 15<sup>th</sup> is a Planning Board meeting night and a hearing on the 9<sup>th</sup> leaves very little time to make any adjustments. Perron will talk to the committee about the dates.

Other: Silber submitted his resignation effective October 1. Runes will have nomination papers available on September 17, to be returned September 29. The election will take place at a Special Town Meeting on October 11 preceding the Selectpersons' meeting. This is a 2-year position. Silber will help Norton and Runes take over the Town's web page; he noted that the Office will need to purchase updated software.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Daniel Perron, Clerk Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, CEO Sidney Abbott, Assistant Chief Walter Litchfield, Committee members James Durfee, Kathleen Emery, James Gammon, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, resident Theodore Dawicki, guest Geraldine Abbott and Reporter Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling.

The Minutes of September 13, 2011 and Warrant #6 were received and approved after a date correction was made. Checks 8640—8673 (\$35,295.75) Receipts 932—959 (\$17,407.44) were verified by Silber. (Payment was received for cleanup of Bonney Road property)

CEO Sidney Abbott received an Intent to Harvest—Charles P Thornton Jr., U1-3A and the DEP violation notification of adjustment of tiles around well (U4-11) on Pleasant Pond.

### Forms signed:

Warrant for Special Town Meeting on October 11, 2011 to elect a selectperson and appropriate additional funds needed for new and updated computer software and hardware. Silber moved to recommend \$7,000 for the dollar amount. Seconded by Haxton. So voted.

Efficiency Maine contract that will allow residents to apply for grants to make their homes energy efficient.

Tree Growth 10-year certification: William Holmes, R22, Lot 10

General Assistance-Haxton moved to adopt the new maximums and appendices effective 10/1/11 to 10/1/12. Seconded by Silber. So voted.

### Reports received:

Planning Board Ordinance and Bylaws were reviewed. Durfee felt that since the Ordinance was adopted after the Bylaws, the Ordinance supersedes the Bylaws. Haxton said the Bylaws need to be revised by the Planning Board after the new year. There was discussion concerning the secretary and whether or not the position should be held by a member; the procedure for appointments was also discussed. Durfee, as acting Chair, notified the Board that there was an opening for a member. Gammon and Emery, who serve as alternates, submitted notice of their interest in the position. Gammon also serves as the secretary hired by the Selectpersons. The Planning Board requested that the position be posted so that they can review applicants and make a recommendation to the Board on October 11. This is agreeable. David Hopkins is interested in serving as an alternate if there is an opening.

Planning Board Minutes of September 20, 2011 were reviewed.

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of September 22, 2011 were reviewed. Runes will contact MMA for an opinion on pay for volunteer time.

The Board will notify the public of upcoming meetings for the proposed Wind Ordinance. The meetings will be held at 7:00 PM at the Hartford Sumner Elementary School: Educational Meeting October 26, Public Hearing November 2, Special Town Meeting November 16. It is expected that the Committee will conduct the educational meeting and hearing and answer questions.

Financial reports through 8/31/11 were reviewed.

MMA Risk Management Services sent a refund of \$133.

FEMA paperwork will be held for Thomas Standard.

The SVFD has applied for a second MMA grant for two more air packs.

Road Report: Roadside mowing will start the week of October 10. Paving on Redding Road is done. There was a washout on Biron Road; Keach will ditch across the logging road. Snyder had a berm put in the driveway on his rental property on Field's Hill (R6-16) and Keach had some gravel put down to stop future washouts. Keach changed a culvert on Rosenberg Road, cleaned the ditches on Tuell Hill and Barrows Road, Front Street and Rte. 219. He also dug out rocks.

He contacted OCS&W about an engineer design for drainage on Abbott Pond Road; the Town will have to pay for the engineer.

Old Business: The generator has been installed, but the propane tank needs to be taken care of by the Town. Perron and Runes will call several local companies.

New Business:

A tree at Black Mountain Cemetery needs to be removed. Bob Runes will take the tree. Haxton will try to get help moving the brush.

The former landfill on Rte. 140 needs to be mowed each fall. Gary Rollock mowed last year and said he could do it for \$175. Lianne Bedard, Hartford Clerk, sent a message that Dave Ferland would do it for \$100. Norton was not able to contact Ferland about equipment or insurance. Haxton moved to hire Rollock.

Seconded by Perron. So voted.

Skowhegan Savings Bank is requesting a reappraisal of property R18-11 on Heath Hill Road. Norton will review the information and report on October 11.

Other:

Starting November 1, Buckfield will no longer be doing registrations for Sumner residents per State law. This was Mark Silber's last meeting as Selectperson. He will be truly missed for his insight, wisdom and compassion. He served the Town well for 29 years.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 11, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Clerk Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Committee members Jeffrey Pfeifer, Kathleen Emery, James Gammon, James Durfee, Martha Elkin, guests Theodore Dawicki, Sheri Fowler and James McCarthy, and Reporters Mary Standard and Kayla Collins.

The Minutes of September 27, 2011 and Warrant #7 were received and approved. Perron verified Checks 8674—8701 (\$207,793.73); Haxton verified Receipts 960-993 (\$60,388.48).

CEO Sidney Abbott: 57 Bonney Road property has been cleaned up—he has signed off on violation  
Forms signed:

Assessors' Certification of Assessment, Certificate of Commitment, Certificate of Assessment for Treasurer—2011/2012 mil rate is \$15.60 per \$1,000, due date November 19, 2011, 7% interest starts February 1, 2012

Application for Veterans' Exemption—Robert H Perry

Abatement application from Duane C Waterman—denied, did not meet the filing deadline; property value was lowered based on information in application, effective this tax year.

Review request on Hill property by Skowhegan Savings Bank—Norton adjusted the valuation based on the appraisal; the property acreage was corrected after a discussion with Mrs. Hill. Will be put on 2012 review list with the Waterman property.

Appointments: Planning Board—James Gammon to August 2012. Moved by Haxton, seconded by Perron. So voted per the recommendation of the Planning Board. Alternate position will be posted.

Reports received: Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of September 29 and October 6 2011

Planning Board Minutes of October 4, 2011. The Bylaws were rescinded. The Planning will meet with the Selectpersons on November 8, 2011, April 10 and July 10, 2012.

Resignation of James Gammon as secretary of Planning Board was accepted. Kathleen Emery will take over as secretary, while serving as an alternate. She will be paid \$10 per hour for work done outside of the meetings.

Road Report: Keach changed a culvert on Decoster Road; he graded and put gravel down on Barrows and Bradeen Roads. He has not heard back from the engineer on signing off on the Abbott Pond Road plans. The question was raised on the name of Abbott Pond Road; it has been known locally as Russell Brook Road. Abutters will be asked for their opinion for a possible vote to change the name.

Old Business:

Notice of FEMA Shoreland Zoning map changes will be put in the tax bills.

Candice Gilpatric hopes to have data on Labrador Pond soon.

Pfeifer requested a copy of the answer from MMA Attorney Rebecca Seel regarding paying volunteers, conflicts with selectman/spouse offices and appointments. Runes will forward the email.

Bids on propane tank for generator—Dead River charges a rental fee for less than 75 gallons. Blanchard has no minimum, no charge for set-up, and will sell the Town a tank for cost. Perron will talk to Blanchard and contractor Dan Wescott.

New Business: The Board intends to attend the Municipal Officers Training on December 1.

The MMA survey on regional municipal relationships will be taken up on October 25.

Other: October 26-Wind Ordinance Education Meeting, 7:00 PM HSES

November 1-Buckfield will no longer be doing registrations for Sumner

November 2-Wind Ordinance Public Hearing, 7:00 PM HSES

November 8-Planning Board meets with Selectpersons; Review sand/salt shed, FEMA, Local Food Ordinance, division of duties

November 16-Special Town Meeting to vote on the Wind Ordinance, 7:00 PM HSES

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 25, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Clerk Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Committee members Jessica Doe, John Allen, Jeffrey Pfeifer, residents/guests Nicole and Richard Lutz, Maureen Searles, Stephen Peters, Jason Gammon, Martha Elkin, Walter Jasniewski, Richard, Linda and Katrina Pothier, Vivian and John Snyder, James McCarthy and Reporter Kayla Collins.

The Minutes of October 11, 2011 and Warrant #8 were received and approved. Checks 8702—8717 (\$22,454.45) Receipts 994—1028 (\$74,991.92) were verified.

Open Session: Glen Holmes, Buckfield Town Manager, welcomed the new selectpersons and reviewed the Transfer Station. He will revise the agreement signed in 1983. Single-sort recycling is being looked into, along with having the Station open three days a week. Paving was not completed. Winter hours will start on November 9. Jasniewski brought up the large amount of tires being brought in. Holmes said that residents are allowed 2 tires per visit, or may purchase a permit for more. He does not think there is a problem.

The Snyders brought in pictures of the water damage done to their rental property on Fields Hill.

**(May 10, 2011 Road Report:** John Snyder called to say the April 16 storm caused the culvert on Fields Hill to washout onto his property; he wants the Town to change the culvert. Keach said he will not rip up the road. Snyder needs to reshape his lot; Keach will talk to Jeremy Johnson, who put in the septic system.)

They are requesting reimbursement of personal expenses to repair road washout and a reduction in the valuation. They cannot sell the property for what they have in it due to the real estate market. They have dug a ditch and built a berm to divert the water. The water comes out of the 15" culvert that runs across the road. Keach moved the culvert when Fields Hill was paved. The driveway was already in place, but the lot was not developed. The intent was to protect the road, not to damage property. Snyder disagreed about water projections being done for the size of the culvert. Runes explained that an abatement cannot be given unless there is an error in the assessment. It was decided that the culvert should be corrected to do what it was designed to do. Haxton told Snyder the Town cannot grant tax relief. Keach said the ditch can be bigger, but a 15" culvert is the standard. The situation will be addressed and corrected if needed.

Mrs. Lutz noted that roads are washing out due to unchecked logging on lots above house lots. She asked why there were no regulations.

Haxton posed the question of responsibility to maintain private roads and said the Town needs to look at culvert sizes and common and unique situations.

Jessica Doe, Vice-Chair, proposed payment to an IWOC member for assembly, collating and copying the Ordinance. Haxton moved that Kathleen Emery would be paid \$10/hour after all expenses are paid out of the Wind Ordinance account. Perron agreed this is a way to say thank you. So voted.

### Forms signed:

General Assistance Quarterly Report—requesting \$100 reimbursement

Tree Growth Plans-Korri Wass, R1, Lot 1 (new owner); Richard Frino et als, R14, Lot 14 (10-year)

Abatement and Supplement: Maine-ly Trees, Inc.—should have been assessed with Tree Growth

Planning Board Alternate—Stephen Peters will be appointed at the next meeting. It was explained that Peters will be paid for those meetings when he is needed as a voting member.

### Reports received:

MMA Survey on regional municipal relationships-Litchfield will talk to Fire Chief Robert Stewart

Planning Board Minutes of October 18, 2011

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes of October 20, 2011

MMA Salary Survey on CD

Financial statements through September 30, 2011

Road Report: Keach has mowed road edges. He hit a CMP pole on Bonney Road, but has not heard back from CMP. The paving has been done on Redding Road; Keach put down shoulder gravel.

He received an engineer design for Abbott Pond Road to help alleviate flooding over Redding Road.

The Lutzes are opposed to work on the Abbott Pond Road.

Mrs. Lutz wrote a letter explaining her boundaries and problems she has encountered with abutting

landowners. Mrs. Pothier asked if the work could be done at the top of the road since the problem seems to

be at the top. Perron agreed it makes sense to work at the source of the problem. Pothier said that Abbott Pond Road needs to be fixed to protect Redding Road. Gammon said he will fight the engineered plan; he would rather have a ditch across to Redding Road or bury a 100' culvert. He asked if the Town would pay him to fix the road. It was decided that Litchfield, Keach, Pothier and Gammon will try to work out a solution.

Old Business:

Candice Gilpatric sent notice that the survey crew gathered the needed data on Labrador Pond; this will be sent to a hydrologist. She expects a response within 10 days.

Runes will register the Board for the Municipal Officers' Workshop on December 1.

Propane tank for generator—Blanchard has 500gallon tanks they will sell at cost, with no set-up fee or maintenance. Perron suggested a smaller tank. Litchfield said the Buckfield Town Office has an 85 pound tank. Haxton advised contracting with Blanchard for a small rental tank. Perron will contact them.

Runes is keeping a folder of questions and comments on the proposed Shoreland Zoning map changes. There was discussion on who makes the determination on land category. No resolution.

New Business:

Abbott Pond Road name will remain the same.

Other: October 26 and November 9-Wind Ordinance Educational Meeting, 7:00 PM HSES

November 2-Wind Ordinance Public Hearing, 7:00 PM HSES

November 8-Planning Board meets with Selectpersons

November 16-Special Town Meeting to vote on the Wind Ordinance, 7:00 PM HSES

Nov 1-Buckfield will no longer be doing registrations for Sumner

December 2-Town Office closed for Motor Vehicle Training

Thanks to Litchfield and Runes for taking meeting notes.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, EMD Thomas Standard, CEO Sidney Abbott, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Secretary Kelly Stewart, Planning Board Members James Gammon, James Durfee, Stephen Peters, Wind Ordinance Committee Chair Kathleen Emery, Members Lawrence O'Rourke, Jessica Doe, John Allen, Diane Todd, Lana Pratt, Jeffrey Pfeifer, citizens Ingrid Eriksson, James McCarthy, Theodore Dawicki, Walter Jasniewski, Richard Pothier, Linda Pothier, Robert Comeau, Geraldine Abbott and Reporters Thomas Standard and Kayla Collins

The Minutes of October 25, 2011 and Warrant #9 were received and approved after a correction in the Minutes. Checks 8718—8751 (\$149,953.69) Receipts 1029—1064 (\$166,019.44) (\$155,410.68 taxes) were verified by Perron. Total Tax Collections are at 21%, \$220,976.34.

Open Session: Planning Board Chair Gammon said the Mollycokett Subdivision is not finalized because the road has not been completed. They have put the issue on hold until lots are sold; at that point, the road will need to be built to subdivision specifications.

Dawicki had questions on the valuations of a list of properties. Several residents have questions about their valuations. Norton will request that John or Michael O'Donnell attend a meeting to address valuation questions.

CEO Sidney Abbott said he needs to check on the Waterman house to be sure the tenant is either gone or is not using the chimney.

### Forms signed:

Municipal Valuation Return

Assessor's Return for Oxford County taxes—\$45,553

Abatement: Maynard and Pamela Farrar (R1, Lot 7 sold to Linda E Feeney)

Supplement: Linda E Feeney, R1, Lot 7

Form 801A for Coca-Cola

Appointment: Planning Board Alternate—Stephen Peters Aug '12

### Reports received:

Request for extension of Industrial Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance per 30-A MRSA Sec. 4356. A hearing and vote by the Board will take place on November 22 at 6:30 PM.

Planning Board Minutes of November 1, 2011

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes November 3, 2011

Copy of letter sent to Sup't. Thomas Ward from Buckfield Budget Committee

Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Funds application deadline 1/13/12

Letter from Wind Ordinance Planning Committee requesting removal of Pfeifer from the Committee.

Five of the Committee members have said they will resign if Pfeifer remains. The Board intended to go into Executive Session, but Pfeifer submitted a written request for a public discussion. He said the Board has no cause for his removal and wants the allegations dismissed. He also said he will take the Town to court if he is dismissed with "no cause for removal". Most of the members and several residents spoke of the conflict between the members generated by Pfeifer and, sometimes, Pratt.

Perron noted the Board is between a rock and a hard place—going to court or having the majority of the Committee quit. Haxton suggested disbanding the whole committee and letting the moratorium run out. The appointments expire on November 30; the moratorium expires on December 3.

Haxton moved to table the discussion to November 22, hold a public hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM to propose a 180 day extension from December 3<sup>rd</sup> and have a Board vote. Perron seconded. So voted.

Road Report: Keach has ditched Biron Road including across the subdivision woods road and Black Mountain Road by the cemetery. He graded Spring, Decoster, Upper Sumner Hill, Redding, Hadley, Arthur Allen, Morrill and part of Barrows and put riprap down on Cole Road. Jasniewski thanked Keach for the paving done on Redding Road.

Norton will send a letter to Oxford Networks concerning the location of DSL power boxes. Keach thinks they are in the road way for plowing and grading.

The letter will also serve as notice that the underground cables within 8" of the road surface may be cut when the Road Commissioner does routine grading. Penalties assessed to the Town will be billed to Oxford Networks. A representative will be requested to attend one of the meetings to discuss these issues.

Old Business:

Candice Gilpatric, PE, sent an engineering report on Labrador Pond data. It was decided that Keach will move the granite slabs as recommended.

A filled 350 gallon propane tank for the generator has been rented from Blanchards Cash Fuel.

Keach received an engineer design for Abbott Pond Road. He said he can address ditching and drainage on the Gammon side, but he needs to put a pitch on the road for about 2000' and would need approval from Lutz. Both property owners sent letters listing concerns. The question of liability for road and personal damage was brought up if the Town does not fix the problem. Haxton and Keach will meet with Gammon and Lutz to discuss options.

Other:

November 9-Wind Ordinance information meeting, 7:00 PM HSES

November 19-taxes due

November 24-Town Office closed

December 2-Town Office closed for Motor Vehicle Training

January 14-Rabies Clinic

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 22 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Committee members Stephen Peters, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lana Pratt, John Allen, residents James McCarthy, Daniel Gessinger, Richard Pothier, Walter Jasniewski and Reporters Thomas Standard and Kayla Collins

The Minutes of November 8, 2011 and Warrant #10 were approved. Pfeifer and Pratt were not pleased with the brevity of the Minutes. Both submitted letters to the Board with the request to have them attached to the Minutes. The letters concern the IWOC Committee and the request to remove Pfeifer from the Committee. Haxton tabled discussion to December 13 on how to file the letters.

Checks 8752—8775 (\$45,938.43) Receipts 1065—1100 (\$394,763.25) were verified. (Taxes to date \$598,872.80, 56%)

Payment to ACO Osman Hart will be held until he reports to the Board on a dog bite incident that Norton and Litchfield called him about. Norton will send a letter asking for a report.

Open Session: Peters said he and Lee Hewey have put up the last cemetery sign—Butterfield Cemetery. Jasniewski brought up his concerns and objections to old mobile homes being brought into Sumner, specifically a 1969 model in place on R14, Lot 10. He questions the septic system as well. He brought these questions to the Planning Board on November 15. He said these old mobile homes have no value to the Town and gave a copy of the Statues to Norton. Tabled to December 13.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Notification of Intent to Harvest-Dwight and Jacqueline Dwinall

Letter from John Maloney concerning business proposal at property on U1, Lot 28-tabled to December 13

Forms: Approved—Application for Veteran's Exemption—George Proctor

Tabled to December 13—Application for Abatement of Property Taxes: Amy Arris, R22, Lot 3A

Reports: FEMA Small Project Summary Certification Form for Tuell Hill Road reconstruction

Wind Ordinance Planning Committee Minutes November 10, 2011; Att'y. Stultz reply re: Ordinance Planning Board Minutes of November 15, 2011

Financial reports through October 30, 2011 were reviewed.

Road Report: Keach has patched tarred roads and graded Cottage Road.

Old Business:

Keach removed the granite slabs on the Labrador Pond dam and placed them against the abutments. The propane tank for the generator will be hooked up November 29. Standard said the bill should be submitted to the EMPG grant for reimbursement.

Keach said he needs a new proposal for Abbott Pond Road; Jason Gammon is not agreeable to the plan drawn up by the engineer. Haxton and Keach will talk to Nicole Lutz. Keach will meet with Pothier, Gessinger and Gammon to discuss options.

New Business:

The Board held a public hearing at 6:30 PM to listen to comments on extending the Industrial Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance, which expires December 3, 2011. Haxton moved to hold a special Selectpersons' Meeting on November 29 at 6:00 PM to further discuss options for the extension. Litchfield seconded the motion. So voted. It was decided to meet with the current committee members on the 29<sup>th</sup> in Executive Session at 6:00 PM and then vote on the extension.

The Homeland Security Grant application will be forwarded to the Board.

Michael O'Donnell will attend the December 13 meeting to discuss valuation questions. The public can submit questions in writing to the Board.

Meeting with Oxford Networks representative concerning DSL boxes and buried cable-No reply

Other

December 24-Town Office closed

No meeting on December 27

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 29 2011 6:15-8:30 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Clerk Susan Runes, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Department Secretary Kelly Stewart

Wind Committee Members: Kathleen Emery, Chair, Jessica Doe, Lawrence O'Rourke, Diane Todd, John Allen, Lana Pratt

Citizens: Lawrence Litchfield, Susan Litchfield, Stephen Peters, Walter Jasniewski, Theodore Dawicki, Deborah Litchfield, James McCarthy, Dwight Dwinal, Jacqueline Dwinal, Gildace Arsenault, Kay Herbert, Stuart Cooper

Haxton noted there have been significant questions and interest in the right of the Board to go into Executive Session. She has been in contact with MMA Attorney Michael Stultz who has advised her that the Board does have that right. She also noted the written objection from Thomas A Standard, reporter for the Sun Journal and resident of Sumner, to holding the closed session. The basis for the objection was not applicable to the reason for the Executive Session. Haxton cited and read the Statute sections that allow a Municipal Board to move into Executive Session. She noted the Right to Privacy citation and stated the Executive Session would be limited to a discussion on the duties, responsibilities and evaluation of the Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee.

6:21 PM Haxton moved that the Select Board move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A)(1) to discuss the evaluation of the whole Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee. Litchfield seconded the motion. Three votes in favor. The Session ended at 7:27 PM.

The Board read notes taken at the November 22 hearing and then asked for public discussion on extending the Moratorium.

Standard asked Haxton if the Board had been in contact with each other in the interim between November 22 and this meeting [without notifying the public of a meeting]. Haxton replied that she had forwarded advice from MMA Attorney Michael Stultz.

Arsenault advised letting the Moratorium expire because the draft ordinance was illegal and he did not expect to see any changes in a final document.

Doe, Jasniewski, Stewart, and McCarthy urged the Board to extend the Moratorium for protection of the Town. Dawicki spoke in favor of keeping the current Committee members.

Jasniewski asked if an extended moratorium would include the same committee. Haxton said it would be the Planning Board, as stated in the Ordinance, and interested citizens. Dawicki said that if someone resigns from the Committee, they should be replaced immediately.

Stewart asked if a power company could come in the next day if there was no extension. Haxton and Arsenault felt there are legal provisions that would protect the Town.

The Board discussed the options and agreed that the Committee has worked very hard, more public input is needed, a timeline needs to be set up for hearings, there should be a facilitator for the Committee and the Board should be more involved and assist the Committee.

Litchfield moved to extend Town of Sumner Industrial Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance. Perron seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Perron moved to work with the existing IWOC. Litchfield seconded. So voted.

Haxton moved that interested persons be interviewed to discuss strategic skills they can provide to the Committee. Perron seconded. So voted.

Haxton said a collaborative process is needed between the Select Board and the IWOC to get the Ordinance to a vote.

Appointments will be made on December 13.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 13, 2011

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Committee member James Gammon, residents Theodore Dawicki, Walter Jasniewski, James McCarthy, Gerald and Sandra Farrar, Dwight and Jacqueline Dwinal, guest Geraldine Abbott and Reporters Tom Standard, Kayla Collins.

The Minutes of November 22 and 29, 2011 and Warrant #11 were approved. Checks 8776—8819 (\$86,056.14) Receipts 1101—1138 (\$113,817.66) were verified by Perron. (Taxes to date \$676,156.01, 63%) (partial FEMA payment \$2,779.07)

CEO Sidney Abbott: received Notifications of Intent to Harvest-Bert Johnson, R20, Lot 40-4, David O'Brien R20, Lots 12 and 13

John Maloney sent a letter concerning a business proposal at property on U1, Lot 28. Abbott and the Planning Board are still gathering information.

Abbott brought in pictures of a camp on R8, Lot 9 or 13; no Building Notification has been filed. Norton will send a letter to the owners advising them of the forms that need to be filed in the Office and the applicable fines.

### Forms signed:

Auditor's letter concerning draft audit

Appointments to Wind Ordinance Planning Committee to May 31, 2012: John Allen, Jessica Doe, Kathleen Emery, Lawrence O'Rourke, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lana Pratt, Diane Todd, James Gammon

Entity Authorization for additional account signer with Androscoggin Bank

State of Maine Broadband Initiative compiling digital parcel-based GIS data-Sumner will participate

### Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of December 6, 2011

Town of Sumner is authorized to issue electronic automobile registrations

DEP has inspected Shaskan property on U4-11 and closed case

ACO Osman Hart sent in reports for his activities since March.

Application for Abatement of Property Taxes: Amy Arris, R22, Lot 3A—on hold until more information is provided

Old Business: Abbott Pond Road-no response from Nicole Lutz.

### New Business:

Bus turn-around on Arthur Allen Road in Kennison drive—Norton will contact the school district.

Meeting with Oxford Networks representative concerning DSL boxes and buried cable-**no reply**

Tires and rubbish on Redding Road-Norton will see if camp owner can take tires to Transfer Station.

January 10 meeting—Jeff Abbott would like to talk about changing his driveway—Norton will advise him he needs to bring pictures and sketches of his plans.

Michael O'Donnell, John E O'Donnell & Associates, discussed the principals of assessing and the methods used by his firm when a revaluation is done. He answered each question submitted by taxpayers and gave detailed explanations about assigning property values.

Jacqueline Dwinal told the Board she would like to be appointed to the Wind Committee; McCarthy expressed his interest as either a Committee member or the Facilitator. Other members of the Planning Board have not given an indication of their interest in being appointed. New appointments are on hold until they decide. Haxton moved to hold a special Selectpersons' meeting on December 20 to interview Stacy Scotia for Facilitator.

At 9:40 PM Haxton moved that the Select Board move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A)(1) to discuss the appointment of a facilitator for the Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee with McCarthy. Litchfield seconded the motion. Three votes in favor. The Session ended at 10:15 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 10, 2012

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporters Mary Standard, Kayla Collins. Also attending-residents Theodore Dawicki and Walter Jasniewski and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of December 13, 2011 and Warrant #13 were approved. Warrant #12 was signed December 27, 2011. Checks 8820-8865 (\$110,079.82) and Receipts 1139-1186 (\$88,357.24) were verified by Perron. (2011 taxes \$739,754.28, 69%)

Open Session: George Affleck- plowing concern (did not attend)

Jeffrey Abbott met with the Board to discuss his plans to change his driveway on Bonney Road. The driveway, which provides access to three property owners, has ledge beside the drive which causes water to overflow Bonney Road. Because the driveway is steep and sharply angled off Bonney Road, delivery trucks cannot easily make it to Abbott's business. Abbott would like to straighten the drive and asked the Town to remove the ledge on the back side of the ditch. Abbott has done preliminary work but feels that the cost of blasting the ledge is prohibitive for him. Because the ledge is in a town ditch, he maintains that it is the Town's responsibility to remove the ledge. He also believes this will save the Town time and money by not having to deal with plugged culverts and ice over the road. Keach noted the ledge is on the backside of the ditch and does not cause a problem for the grader or the plow. He also said the Town has not blasted for anyone else. Litchfield asked for an accurate description of the problem. He said this is private land and does not seem to be a Town problem. Perron said he does not want to set a precedent. Abbott repeated that he is trying to prevent damage to a town way and thought the cost to the Town would be about \$500.

Haxton asked Keach to get an estimate on what the cost of blasting would be for this one job and to combine it with other work Keach has planned for fall. This will be looked at in the spring and a determination made on whether or not this is beneficial for the Town. Perron will talk to Abbott about his plans to remove the stumps, repair the stonewall, and any permits that might be needed.

Glen Holmes attended the meeting to personally inform the Board that he has resigned as Buckfield Town Manager. He will take over as director of the Western Maine Economic Development Council. He said the Transfer Station is going well—a new guard rail was installed at the OBW dumpster, a well was put in and the entrance gate widened. He advised the Board that going to single sort recycling may solve some of the problems at the Station. He will continue as a citizen representative on the MMWAC Council until a new town manager is hired. Haxton thanked him for all of his work and wished him well in his new endeavor.

CEO Sidney Abbott said he believes the violation for the camp on R8, Lot 13 has been taken care of. Norton sent a letter to Kevin Gillins requesting a Building Notification and revised Tree Growth form. Gillins called the Office to say that the building is actually a shed. He will fill out a building notification and contact Abbott. Norton will check with Maine Revenue Services about regulations on outbuildings on a tree growth property. Gillins will be issued a supplemental tax and penalty.

Edwards property on R6, Lot 3-Abbott said the property does not have a legal septic system. Community Concepts started to put in a new septic system and work on renovations in the building. Because the system would be within 6 to 8 feet of the property lines, Edwards would need an easement from the abutting property owner. Abbott issued a Stop Work Order on January 9 on the septic system and the plumbing. Edwards filed a Notification of Intent to Build on January 10. He does not have plumbing permits and needs a new septic plan for a first-time system. This would then need CEO approval and then State approval. Abbott said he can condemn the building if it is being lived in without a septic system. Haxton said the Board needs documentation and to look at the whole picture. She advised Abbott to draw up a timeline with deadlines and consequences. She also stated that Edwards needs to talk to the Planning Board. Holmes recommended that Abbott have the Sheriff's Department serve papers if necessary.

### Forms signed:

Tree Growth applications-Louis and Sarah Pezza, R5-9 and R5-10, M Bruce and Diane MacEwan, R16-6

Appointments to Wind Ordinance Planning Committee to May 31, 2012: Jacqueline Dwinal, James McCarthy-facilitator

General Assistance—Quarterly Report requesting \$98.46 reimbursement; Mail-in Review

Application for Abatement of Property Taxes: Amy Arris, R22, Lot 3A—Arris will mail information

Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of December 20, 2011 and January 3, 2012

Auditor's report June 30, 2011

Financial statements through December 31, 2011

MMA Year In Review and Executive Committee; Annual Dues \$1,578

Farm-owned and Community Wind Development Workshops-Haxton may be able to attend

OCMOA meeting—Maine Floodplain Management Program-Perron will try to attend

Road Report: Keach said ice is beginning to build up in the ditches and he got several calls about Andrews Road.

Old Business:

Abbott Pond Road-Nicole Lutz e-mailed a letter stating that she will not allow a road sign on her property nor allow the town to do any work on her property which includes part of the Abbott Pond Road. She has given a local logger permission to use the road in exchange for his agreement to put in better drainage ditches and a culvert and to plant trees to prevent further erosion. Litchfield will talk to Jason Gammon to see if the road name sign can be placed on his property.

New Business:

Retaining beams for the garden beds have been reset

IWOC-Kathleen Emery-Chair, Diane Todd, Lawrence O'Rourke, Jeffrey Pfeifer, John Allen, James McCarthy-Facilitator.

Timeline-Haxton would like more public input, one public hearing when the document is ready and a vote in April. Emery asked how to get more public input. McCarthy suggested an open forum on Saturday mornings while the Committee is working.

Haxton will call MMA about their preference on the contact person—a selectperson or Committee member.

Perron noted that the Planning Board has a lot of responsibility within this Ordinance. Litchfield was concerned about the length of the document, enforceability, and the punitive penalties. He suggested attorney review of the document. Haxton asked that the Board be kept apprised of progress and that there be visual progress.

Emery said the document is at the editing stage and believes 60-90 days will be sufficient to finish.

She had a draft budget of \$3,500 to take care of supplies and notices. Runes noted that the budget approved at the Annual Town Meeting had a balance of \$280. The Board has \$1,700 in their

Discretionary fund. A new budget of \$3,500 would have to be approved at a Special Town Meeting and appropriated from the General Fund; it is too much. Emery will have a formal report for the Board on February 14.

Review of 2011 activities—FEMA-discuss in March, Food Ordinance-keep an eye on court cases in other communities, division of Board duties-General Assistance and MMWAC-Haxton; Roads-Litchfield; Maintenance Supervisor-Perron. Haxton would like the Board to plan for ways for the Sumner community to sustain themselves and to take care of the neighbors. This would involve local organizations, churches, farmers and craftsmen. A Neighbors Care Program has already been established.

Information on Ice B'Gone, an alternative to salt for winter roads, was sent to the Board by a resident. No action taken.

Dawicki gave the Board a list of questions concerning the availability of all property record cards.

He would like copies of the field cards in the Planning Board room; he is not satisfied with being able to request specific property cards from the Office. He requested an answer in writing; this was done. He also gave the Board a copy of the complaint he filed with the Attorney General's Office alleging that the Selectpersons and the Industrial Wind Committee held illegal Executive Sessions.

Road complaints on lack of maintenance were noted and will be kept on file. The Board will review the Winter Maintenance contract.

Other: January 14-Rabies Clinic 10:00-Noon, Fire Station (Dog Licensing in Fire Station)

A card was signed for Vernal Andrews' 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 24, 2012 7:00 -8:30 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, FD Secretary Kelly Stewart, Committee members Lana Pratt, James McCarthy and George Jones, EMD Thomas Standard, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporters Mary Standard and Kayla Collins, residents Theodore Dawicki and Richard Pothier.

The Minutes of January 10, 2012 and Warrant #14 were approved. Checks 8866-8884 (\$29,755.37) and Receipts 1187-1213 (\$56,492.27) were verified by Perron. (2011 taxes \$781,255.87, 73%)

Open Session: Pratt, a member of the Emergency Management team, had questions about the Board's concern with the EMA budget and possibly replacing the EMD with the Fire Chief. She asked that these questions be discussed with the whole committee. Perron said the Board wants to reevaluate the position of EMD. Litchfield added that the Board's preliminary budget talks are seeing increased costs in schools and roads; the Board needs to look at each item in the budget. Standard had a letter for the Board concerning his position. It was decided to have a discussion with the Emergency Management team on March 13 at 7:30 PM.

McCarthy said the wind committee has held two meetings and a public workshop. He feels the meetings have been successful with the committee members moving in the same direction and being on the same page.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Edwards property on R6, Lot 3-Stop Work Order in effect

Forms signed: Tree Growth Certification, 10-year, Thomas and Mary Standard, R16, Lots 10 and 10B  
Haxton moved to sign a supplemental tax and penalty for the building on Map R8, Lot 13 owned by Kevin Gillins. Litchfield seconded the motion. So voted.

Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of January 17, 2012

IWOC Minutes of January 12, 2012

Fiduciary and Reserve Accounts through December 31, 2011

Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station Financial Reports through December 31, 2011

Mail-in review for General Assistance was satisfactory; received reimbursement of \$98.46

Smart meters have been installed in 93% of homes (530 of 571)

Reply from Todd DeWitt, Oxford Networks, on buried cable and DSL equipment placement—company is meeting all requirements.

Runes has sent out Notices of Impending Foreclosure to 32 property owners for unpaid 2009 taxes.

Road Report: No report. Jones will call a Road Committee meeting to discuss future plans and the budget. The Committee will meet with the Board on March 27 at 7:30 PM.

Old Business: The new generator is fully operational and a training session was completed. Standard said there has been no refund from MEMA; he has been trying to set up a meeting to discuss his request for reimbursements.

Road complaints: Litchfield has received 13 calls about road conditions, mostly icy, but several that were not plowed until mid-morning. Pothier said there are many children who are being transported to schools in private vehicles, not buses, who are having a difficult time with icy roads. Haxton noted the ice is not being cleared. She asked if the Town is being notified when a truck is down. Plowing Contractor Clifford Lowe said he lost an engine the previous week. He has 5 trucks plowing and sanding, but he can't scrape the ice when it is too cold. He said he sands Rte. 219 himself, but the trucks traveling the road blow the sand off. He said he needs to salt during the storm. Haxton said that Sumner's roads are icy, but other towns have clear roads. Lowe agreed they use double the salt he does, but he puts on more miles. It takes 8 hours to plow the roads. He goes around Town after the storm to check. He said he follows the contract, but not all the roads need that much salt. Standard suggested using calcium chloride, but Lowe said the State is trying to cut back on calcium chloride and it is better to use salt. Jones added it is important to put the salt down early.

The Board and Lowe agreed he will use more salt, and start at the beginning of a predicted, significant storm.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 14, 2012 7:00-9:00 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Committee members James Gammon, Kathy Emery, John Allen, Diane Todd, James McCarthy, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporter Kayla Collins, guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of January 24, 2012 were corrected and accepted. Warrant #15 was approved. Checks 8885-8913 (\$74,012.77) and Receipts 1214-1271 (\$116,456.07) were verified by Perron. (2011 taxes \$878,536.97, 82%)

CEO Sidney Abbott: Intent to Harvest forms—Stephen Rowland R17-13; Lucien, Valerie Desrosiers R1-22; David, Harriet Rudd R16-1, R17-42, R22-6; Laura Falconer, Stephen Lewis R9-30

Abbott has not caught up with Edwards, but sees no obvious sign of work being done. Edwards called earlier to say that he would have a representative from Community Concepts at the next Planning Board meeting.

Forms signed: Veteran's Exemption Application-Michael F Ledger, U2, Lot 6

Tree Growth Certification, 10-year-James, Donna Herrick R7, Lot 8; David, Thomas, Roger Healy R7, Lots 19 and 16; Bertil Johnson R20-40-4

Reports received and reviewed:

Planning Board Minutes of February 7, 2012

IWOC Minutes of January 19 and 26, February 9, 2012

Fiduciary and Reserve Accounts through January 31, 2012

HSGP Awards for Oxford County—Nezinscot Valley \$7,680 for Training & Planning

Road Report: "Bus Stop Ahead" signs were requested for Hood Valley Trail off Tuell Hill. Keach will see if he has signs from other locations that can be moved.

Old Business: Quarterly update from Planning Board—Gammon said they have looked at the Shoreland Zoning map for resident complaints and questions. AVCOG advised them that the Selectpersons should deal with complaints. Michael Stultz, MMA attorney, said that the Selectpersons should send notices to property owners affected by the change to Resource Protection. The Selectpersons should adopt procedures and send the CEO to follow up on complaints and make a determination. The Town sent out a general notice to all taxpayers with the tax bills in October; this may not be sufficient. Emery will forward Stultz' email and Gammon will forward the Statute.

IWOC Update—Emery said the Committee is working as a team to pare down the Ordinance and remove controversial language. They are working on the license and permit and comparing Sumner's Ordinance with the ordinance enacted in Rumford. She noted they are behind schedule and submitted a timeline. Haxton said the Committee needs to move faster to meet the timeline and requested a written report for the 28<sup>th</sup> and a final document by March 13. Allen asked if the Comprehensive Plan needs to be implemented before the wind ordinance can be finished or reference the Comprehensive Plan. Haxton said implementation is creating an ordinance to deal with sections and recommendations. The Plan is the guide. Allen asked if the wind ordinance should be vetted by an attorney. Haxton said the Committee would need to research cost and the length of time the attorney would have it. Runes questioned why an attorney is needed if the Rumford ordinance is used as a guide. Perron moved to take \$640 from the Discretionary Fund for the IWOC budget. Litchfield seconded the motion. So voted. (to be added to \$371.88 account balance)

New Business: Haxton moved to abate the building value on the Andrews property, R14-32, by \$24,985 to a value of \$11,000. (\$388.36 in taxes) Perron seconded the motion. So voted.

Glen Holmes, WMEDC Director will attend the April 10 meeting to discuss economic development in Sumner.

Other: March 13-Final Draft of Wind Ordinance; Review Emergency Management, 7:30 PM

March 27-Road Committee plans and budget, 7:30 PM

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 28, 2012 7:00-8:40 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Clerk Susan Runes, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Secretary Kelly Stewart, Committee Members Kathleen Emery, Diane Todd, James, McCarthy, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lana Pratt, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporters Thomas Standard and Kayla Collins and residents Theodore Dawicki and Henri Arsenault.

The Minutes of February 14, 2012 and Warrant #16 were approved. Checks 8914-8927 (\$28,842.77) and Receipts 1272-1300 (\$27,540.72) were verified by Perron. (2011 taxes \$885,132.00 - 83%)

Open Session: Arlene Silverman, Mike Stevens and Henri Arsenault spoke to the Board about a Scholarship fundraiser. Under consideration were a pig roast dinner at the elementary school or selling pork sandwiches at the Buckfield Community Day event. They estimated they would need about \$200 upfront for supplies. The Board thought the Community Day event would be a better venue. Haxton moved to support a fundraiser. Litchfield seconded. So voted. The Committee is waiting to hear back from the Buckfield event organizer and will keep the Board informed.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Intent to Harvest—Eugene S Lucas, R1, Lots 23, 24

Forms signed:

Application for Abatement of Property Taxes-Brent and Carol Hadley  
Abatement of \$450 in valuation for Hadley real estate, R14, Lot 25

Reports received:

2012 Oxford County taxes: (65,250,000 valuation) \$49,898 [2011 64,400,000 - \$45,553]

Planning Board Minutes of February 21, 2012

IWOC Minutes of February 23, 2012

IWOC Update-Emery said 22 pages are done; she expects the next 10± to be finished quickly. McCarthy will have the Committee research the cost of an attorney review. The Final Draft is due March 13, a Public Hearing will be held April 4, the Special Town Meeting vote will be held on April 25. Perron moved to accept this timeline. Haxton seconded. So voted.

Road Committee Minutes of February 15, 2012—The Committee needs information on salt shed sites. 2009 Tax Liens will mature on March 9 on 14 properties if not paid by then. Runes has been in contact with almost all of the owners and expects payment.

Road Report: Keach has roads posted to 20,000 lbs from 2/16/12—5/18/12. He will order “Bus Stop Ahead” signs for Hood Valley Trail.

Old Business: Norton will get more information on the Shoreland Zoning map changes. She will also review fireworks ordinances from other towns for discussion at a later date.

New Business: Runes gave a very preliminary overview of the FY12 Budget. The budget will be discussed at each meeting.

Road complaints: Rebecca Michaud notified the Office that her mailbox was hit twice on February 25 with a lot of damage and asked how she should proceed. Runes advised her to contact Clifford Lowe directly.

Other:

March 13-Review Emergency Management, 7:30 PM

March 27-Road Committee plans and budget, 7:30 PM

April 10-Glen Holmes, WMEDC Director, 8:30 PM

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 13, 2012

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD/Reporter Thomas Standard, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Secretary Kelly Stewart, Committee members Kathleen Emery, Diane Todd, John Allen, Marianne Todd, James McCarthy, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lana Pratt, residents Theodore Dawicki and Edwin Hinshaw, guest Geraldine Abbott and Reporter Kayla Collins.

The Minutes of February 28, 2012 and Warrant #17 were received and approved. Checks 8928—8944 (\$74,591.40) Receipts 1301—1337(\$61,775.44) were verified by Perron. (2011 taxes \$908,371.11 85%)

Open Session: Standard said that Dixfield and Rumford residents want to maintain their individual high schools and are opposed to Sup't. Thomas Ward's proposal to consolidate. He suggested Sumner officials and townspeople should sent letters to the superintendent and attend the budget meetings to hold the budget down. Pratt added that Buckfield residents are concerned about losing Buckfield JSHS. It was decided to ask Sumner's School Board Director John Phillips to attend a meeting.

CEO Sidney Abbott has had no contact from Heath Edwards (R6, Lot 3). Edwards and a representative from Community Concepts should be attending the March 20 Planning Board meeting. Abbott had directed Edwards to have the holding tank pumped—this has not happened. Haxton moved that Abbott should move forward on Edwards' lack of following through, and fill out the paperwork to condemn the house. Perron seconded the motion. So voted. Abbott will contact Health Officer Lee Berry. Litchfield directed Abbott to contact Community Concepts about the work being done.

An anonymous note and pictures of a plastic tank by a camp on Morrill Farm Road were mailed to the Office. It may be a sap operation. Abbott will follow up when the road is passable.

Forms signed: Tree Growth Certification

10-year-John Allen, R21, Lot 18; Joe and Karla Bransford R7, Lot 8

First year-Kathleen Dawicki, R20, Lot 40-1

Reports:

MDOT Scour Critical bridges and plans—Sumner Hodgedon Bridge on Rte 140 (State maintained)

Planning Board Minutes of March 6, 2012

IWOC Minutes of March 8, 2012

IWOC Update--Final Wind Ordinance document needs polishing and further editing. Emery asked for an extension to March 27. Attorney Sally Daggett will review the ordinance for \$750. Litchfield moved to have the ordinance vetted and activate the paperwork for \$750. Haxton seconded. So voted. Litchfield moved to extend the deadline for a final document to March 27, hold the hearing on April 18, certify the ordinance on April 24 and vote on May 16. Perron seconded the motion. So voted.

Runes reported that the 2009 Tax Liens are all paid.

Road Report: The Office received a call that two loaded logging trucks hauled off Upper Sumner Hill at 6:00 AM Tuesday morning. The caller did not get the name or plate number.

New Business: Haxton moved to accept a power supply option with Glacial Energy for a fixed rate of \$.06518/kWh for the year. Perron seconded. So voted.

Review Emergency Management, 7:30 PM-8:45 PM

Perron asked if the director's salary is reimbursed. Standard said half is always reimbursed, most of the time it's the whole amount. Reimbursement started in 2007 with EMPG funds. Unused EMA funds will be returned to the General Fund. Runes noted that the account has a deficit of \$14,107 that was not reimbursed. Todd said the EMA Committee will have a budget for public awareness.

Standard reviewed his responsibilities as EMD: responsible for developing plans for emergencies, attends classes and training sessions, trains Emergency Response Teams, member of RCC, sets up table top exercises. The EOP is being reviewed by Oxford County, then consultant Scott Parker and presented to the Selectpersons for adoption.

Haxton said the EMA needs to address local resources and needs based on drastic economy and climate changes, not disasters. Standard said the theme of the newsletter has been individual preparedness for a 72-hour period.

Haxton asked for a list of expense items and actual grant reimbursements, paperwork on “in-kind” requests, and a breakdown of EMD and Neighbors Care.

Perron said that people do not know what the EMD does for his salary. Litchfield asked for an updated EOP. Questions from Nicole Lutz—Town right-of-way on private road for maintenance—24.75 feet from center of road

Proper procedure for harvesting on hillside behind residence-Abbott will talk to the logger and take a look; the logger should be creating water bars.

Other:

March 27-Road Committee plans and budget, 7:30 PM

April 18-Public hearing on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station

April 10-Glen Holmes, WMEDC Director, 8:30 PM

April 24-Meeting discussion on goals, community support system, energy issues

May 16-Special Town Meeting to vote on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station

May 31-Wind Ordinance Moratorium expires (180 days from December 3)

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 27, 2012, 7:00-10:00 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, IWOC members, residents Ingrid Eriksson, Eugene Lucas, Richard Pothier, Daniel Gessinger, Geraldine Abbott and Reporter Kayla Collins.

The Minutes of March 13, 2012 and Warrant #18 were received and approved. Checks 8945—8959 (\$27,386.60) and Receipts 1338—1360 (\$28,157.63) were verified by Perron. (taxes \$919,307.24 86%)

Open Session: Allyson Hill, Oxford County EMD, said the focus of emergency planning is on the individual, but thinks that it is wonderful for Sumner to plan as a community. The updated Oxford County Hazard Mitigation plan is online and deals with continuous occurrences in natural areas, such as roads, ponds and woods. Changes in the Town's plan can be sent to her by email. Haxton noted that Sumner is unlikely to experience traditional disasters, but is more affected by climate changes and economic decline.

Hill suggested a tabletop exercise on drought and/or constant cold temperatures and rain.

Standard has been in contact with Lynette Miller, MEMA PIO. Miller said the Town should be fully reimbursed for expenses and half of the generator. Perron said Sumner people have an independent Maine attitude and question the need to pay an EMD. He would like those people to become involved and he would like a new survey of local needs.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Update on Edwards property, R6, Lot 3—no action, in the process

Plastic tank by camp on Morrill Farm Road—being used for maple sap collection

Timber Harvesting on Abbott Pond Road—being done properly

Forms signed:

Oxford County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 Update

Tree Growth Certification, 10-year—Joseph and Linda Glass, R20, Lots 11 and 15

First year—Elaine and Ronald Dawicki-R20, Lot 40-1A; Lucien and Valerie Desrosier R1, Lot 22

CMP pole location permit—Bonney Road

Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes of March 20, 2012

Road Committee Minutes March 21, 2012

IWOC Minutes of March 15 and 22, 2012

IWOC Update--Final Wind Ordinance document (Kathleen Emery, Diane Todd, John Allen, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lana Pratt, Jessica Doe, Lawrence O'Rourke, James McCarthy) Emery said the plan has been sent to Attorney Sally Daggett. She presented a schedule of hearing notices, hearing dates, workshop sessions, certification of final document and vote. Haxton moved to adopt the schedule and certify the final ordinance on May 8 for a special town meeting on May 16. Perron seconded. So voted.

Road Report: Keach has hauled gravel and graded Barrows Road. He bought tires for the grader. He has called DigSafe to notify of roads for grading and will register with PUC. He will call DigSafe and mark the place to put the Abbott Pond Road sign. Perron moved to put the sign up as soon as possible. Litchfield seconded. So voted. Abbott suggested that Keach determine the right-of-way on that portion of Redding Road so that he can ditch the road to prevent washovers.

Old Business: Runes needs more information on Global Energy before she sends in the contract.

New Business:

The Board will attend a Transfer Station workshop discussion with Buckfield Selectmen on April 17.

Haxton will ask John Phillips to attend April 10 to discuss the school budget.

Road Committee plans and budget—Chairman George Jones said \$160,000 is needed for general road maintenance. The Committee will have a separate proposal for goals: 1) Inventory of paved and gravel roads by June 2012 and prioritize work—when and what (maintain best roads), 2) Replace Redding Road multi-plate culvert—survey residents between Tuell Hill and Andrews Road about closing the road to traffic to install an open bottom box culvert. Pothier thought the National Guard might have a portable bridge that could be used; he will check on it. 3) Preliminary scouting to develop numbers for a sand/salt shed site.

Haxton reminded him the Road Ordinance needs revisions to be compliant with the Comprehensive Plan.

Clean-up of sand—Norton will send out bid requests, due April 24. Work must be done by May 5.

April 24: Theodore Dawicki—question on Market Adjustment for subdivision lots

Other:

April 10-Glen Holmes, WMEDC Director, 8:30 PM

April 18-Public hearing on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station

April 24-Meeting discussion on goals, community support system, energy issues

May 2- Public hearing on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station

May 16-Special Town Meeting to vote on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station

**May 31-Wind Ordinance Moratorium expires** (180 days from December 3)

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 10, 2012 7:00-9:45 PM

The Minutes of March 27, 2012 and Warrant #19 were received and approved.

Checks 8960—8991 (\$70,528.46) and Receipts 1361—1384 (\$27,386.60) were verified by Perron. (taxes \$926,411.46 - 86%)

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Fire Secretary Kelly Stewart, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, residents Richard Pothier and Daniel Gessinger and Reporter Kayla Collins.

Open Session: Pothier questioned why the Abbott Road sign was placed opposite the DigSafe marking. He asked if the Town had paid fines for previous violations and if it was from taxpayer money. Keach said he moved the placement of the sign after Jason Gammon objected to placement on his property, and yes, the Town has paid a fine and Keach took the required training. Haxton said Nicole Lutz called her to say that she had talked to an MMA attorney and was told the Town needs to put up a “Private Road” sign. Perron also talked to Lutz and told her the issue with the neighbors is a civil dispute. Perron noted the Town needs to know its responsibility to the road and the status of the road. Pothier said he wants access to the road and his property. Norton will contact MMA about private road signs and correspondence with private citizens. She will also try to research Abbott Pond Road.

CEO Sidney Abbott: Update on Edwards property, R6, Lot 3—no report

Forms signed: Veteran’s Exemption Application-Henri Arsenault

Reports received:

CMP has finished the installation of Smart Meters; online usage will be available later this year.

NIMS training for town compliance will be set up regionally by Allyson Hill. The Board is interested if they lack the pertinent certification. The proposed date is July 16 at 6:00 PM.

Planning Board Minutes of April 3, 2012

Financial statements through 3/31/12 were reviewed. (2/29/12 reviewed at the last meeting)

IWOC Update-Chair Kathleen Emery and Facilitator James McCarthy said the ordinance has been revised with the attorney’s recommendations and will be available to the public before the April 18 hearing.

Road Report: Keach said he put up the Abbott Pond Road sign and filed eleven roads with the PUC for grading. He has graded portions of the Town’s gravel roads.

Old Business: Homestead Way—Keach will get prices for the blasting to remove the ledge along the ditch. Abbott will be required to clean out and maintain the ditches, remove the old culvert, apply for a driveway permit and follow the specifications, and move the driveway away from the ledge farther up. With the driveway straightened, the washover of ice onto Bonney Road should be eliminated.

Haxton needs help with the cleanup of large branches at Black Mt. Cemetery; she has already removed the small brush.

New Business:

Haxton moved to follow the standard procedure of signing the Warrant for Unlicensed dogs.

Perron seconded the motion. So voted.

Glen Holmes, WMEDC Director, met with the Board to talk about the Council and what it can do for the towns in Oxford County. Holmes will help towns with a business plan, making phone calls and contacts, when the town decides what type of business it would like to have. He also talked about the certification process for a Business Friendly Community and recommended joining the Chamber of Commerce.

Clean-up of sand in parking lot—bids due April 24

Question on Market Adjustment for subdivision lots—April 24

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 24, 2012 7:00-11:00 PM

Attending: Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, Reporter Kayla Collins, residents Richard and Linda Pothier, Daniel Gessinger, Clifford McNeil, Walter Jasniewski, Theodore Dawicki, Edwin Hinshaw, Gary Searles, guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of April 10, 2012 and Warrant #20 were received and approved. Checks 8992—9002 (\$25,616.05) and Receipts 1385—1421 (\$30,265.42) were verified by Perron. (Taxes \$935,547.53 87%)

CEO Sidney Abbott: Intent to Harvest Notifications: Diana Nye, R14-33; Kevin Gillins R8-9 & 13 Photos of buildings on R20, Lot 1 were sent to the Office. Abbott said he needs to see the septic plans and will start the paperwork to enforce compliance. He will send Gregory Williams a certified letter outlining the steps and deadlines.

Edwards property, R6, Lot 3-There has been no change or contact from Edwards. Abbott will start the paperwork, contact Health Officer D. Lee Berry, and send appropriate letters. Haxton stressed the need to move forward and to send a letter to Community Concepts.

Forms signed:

Underground Location Permit for Oxford Networks, Rte. 219—Keach will look at it; this may be a form that MDOT needs to sign—on hold

Tree Growth Certification-Susan and David Bryant, R7, Lot 22

Appointment: Alternate for MMWAC Board of Directors-Walter H Litchfield, Jr. to 8/31/13

Veteran's Exemption Application-Paul W Ackley, Jr. effective April 1, 2012.

General Assistance Quarterly Report-request for \$384.43 reimbursement

Contract for Ambulance Service with Buckfield Rescue Unit Department-\$4,600 to be signed after Town Meeting

Political Subdivision Affidavit for Assignment of Refund (Clifford Lowe)

Letter in support of Community Concepts development funds

Reports read and received:

Planning Board Minutes May 1, 2012

IWOC Minutes April 19, 2012

Fiduciary and Reserve Funds statements through 3/31/12; Maine Community Foundation scholarship funds have increased \$7,000 since the original investment.

Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station Committee Minutes April 17, 2012

Haxton offered a thank you to Alden Acker, his dog Honey Bear, and Bob Runes for help with Black Mountain Cemetery cleanup.

IWOC Update (7:30-8:45 PM)-Chairman Kathleen Emery, Facilitator James McCarthy, Diane Todd, Lana Pratt, Jeffrey Pfeifer, Lawrence O'Rourke.

Emery said the Committee met after the April 18 hearing and implemented the attorney's suggestions and addressed all topics from the hearing. The setback was changed from 1.25 miles to 1 mile. She met with Runes to clarify the Ordinance finances. The final ordinance was submitted for certification by the Board. Emery submitted and read emails from members concerning the changes and further meetings; she read the email she sent out prior to the meeting stating that she felt the ordinance was done and accepted by the Committee and no further meetings were needed.

Pratt read a letter in which she outlined concerns that she and Pfeifer had with the changed ordinance. She stated that the whole Committee had not voted on the changes, text was omitted and changes should be made for issues that could result in lawsuits.

O'Rourke said the Committee voted on five changes to be implemented by Emery.

Pfeifer said O'Rourke was not able to answer a question about the escrow account. He had a written opinion from his personal attorney. He said the IWOC was charged with writing the text and the IWOC has not seen the final text for approval.

Emery responded the IWOC hired an attorney; she is not aware of another attorney.

Haxton asked Pfeifer how he, as a member of the Committee, had contacted an attorney.

Pfeifer said he has rights as an American citizen to seek legal counsel; Emery was not authorized to write the ordinance, which is a law; the document is not legal; there was not an IWOC vote.

O'Rourke said the Town should adopt the ordinance as is and sponsor a citizen amendment.

Perron asked if there would be a yes or no vote or more debate if the Committee had another meeting.

Pfeifer said there are simple additions to protect the Town.

Haxton said that new information since April 18 would not be considered, only old issues that need tweaking and have not been addressed could be discussed.

McCarthy said there is no end to changes, review and vote.

O'Rourke asked if the Board could adopt new submissions to the submitted draft. The Board can only offer an alternate ordinance to the one submitted by the IWOC.

Pfeifer said two versions are a bad idea; the IWOC needs to vote to make the document legal.

McNeil asked if the Board had a process to follow, it did not seem that the ordinance could be certified.

Perron added that it is difficult to accept a document that is not supported by the group.

Haxton noted that democratic process does not need a unanimous vote.

Litchfield suggested: 1-Set an IWOC meeting with the Board to vote up (and certify) or down on final draft; or 2-Set IWOC meeting with Board to hear language changes of 2 or 3 words or omissions-with no debate-and vote up (and certify) or down; or 3-Certify the ordinance as is. He added that a lawyer was hired to vet the ordinance and the Committee should go with her recommendations.

Perron said that if the Committee meets, they are relieved of the document after the vote.

Litchfield moved to reconvene the IWOC with the Selectmen on April 26 at 6:00 PM to vote up or down on minor changes. Haxton seconded. So voted.

The ordinance will be certified after the hearing on May 2. Postcards will be sent to residents notifying them of the Special Town Meeting on May 16 at 7:00 PM.

Road Report: Keach pulled the Road Limit Posting signs on April 16. The grader needs a wheel bearing for a loose wheel. He graded Damon, Estes, Old Rte. 219, Rosenberg, Morrill Farm, Russell, and Spring Roads. He put up the 'School Bus Stop' sign for Hood Valley Trail.

Old Business: Homestead Way—blasting estimate for ½ day is \$1,900 (includes flaggers, trucks, excavator). Pothier will get a price for chemical blasting.

Update on placing road signs on private property—Litchfield notified DigSafe; they will mark the location. Pothier was told that the Town (taxpayers) pays DigSafe fines. Searles noted the Town owns 33' from the center of the road. He said the landowner cannot dictate the placement of signs. Haxton and Litchfield replied that they are trying to deal with a problem issue. Perron added that every case is different and there is not always an easy path.

MMA attorney Michael Stultz said the Town is not required to post 'private way' signs and MMA does not answer questions from private citizens. (NOTE: See Minutes of April 10, 2012. RE: Nicole Lutz.) Most towns post road name signs on private roads as part of the E911 addressing system at the Town's expense. A property owner can deny access to emergency vehicles.

Perron invited former Selectperson Clifford McNeil to explain the letter that was sent in 2001 concerning Abbott Pond Road. McNeil said the letter was issued by the Board, with their opinion, in response to questions on the status of the road. It clarified the 1988 Road Ordinance that listed the town ways and public easement roads. Abbott Pond Road is not listed. The Board would have reviewed MDOT and County Commissioner records. The Town considers the road to be private and does not have any records that it was a county road. Pothier said the 1976 MDOT records list discontinued roads; they do not have records on Abbott Pond Road. Mrs. Pothier had a 1977 DOT General Highway Map that showed Abbott Pond Road as an unimproved gravel surface road. She intends to clarify what that means.

Haxton stressed that this is a civil matter. She said this is not a Town concern. It no longer comes to the Board.

McNeil complimented the Board on the handling of the IWOC issue.

New Business:

Budget—Runes needs figures for EMA, Roads, Recreation and the Transfer Station. She is anticipating a

30¢ increase in the mil rate. Phillips will attend the next meeting to talk about the school budget. Dave Bowen submitted a bid of \$549 for clean-up of sand in the parking lots and lawns. Haxton moved to accept the bid. Perron seconded. So voted.

Dawicki had questions on the Market Adjustment for subdivision lots. Michael O'Donnell wrote that this is a way to assess a subdivision and to adjust the value for lack of improvements or a poor market. The adjusted value is higher than the property value as one piece; sale of a lot brings it to full value. Dawicki brought in a second list with market adjustments that he wanted explained. (Norton told Haxton the map numbers indicate pond lots, which have a different schedule.) Haxton explained to Dawicki that a professional was hired who is certified by the State and uses standard assessing practices. The Town is confident that the assessing is being done equitably. She questioned why he was concerned with other property owners' valuations. Dawicki said he does not care what the reason is for the adjustments; he wants everyone assessed exactly the same. Jasniewski brought up his neighbor's house again, insisting the neighbor is not paying his fair share of taxes. Dawicki left the meeting saying that he will contact property owners and have them fill out Applications for an Abatement of Property Taxes.

Shoreland Zoning and Tax Maps have incorrect placement of stream intersection on R21—This will have to be physically inspected.

Selectpersons Mary Ann Haxton, Daniel Perron, Walter Litchfield, Road Commissioner James Keach, Clerk Susan Runes, CEO Sidney Abbott, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Norton, ~~EMD Thomas Standard~~, Reporters Kayla Collins and Mary Standard.

Welcome to Attendees and Invitation to Speak during Open Session

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MAY 8, 2012

1. Minutes of April 24, 2012

2. Warrant #21 Checks 9003—9027 (\$62,341.28) Receipts 1422—1453 (\$14,952.02) (taxes \$938,872.75 87%)

3. Open Session:

4. CEO Sidney Abbott:

Buildings on R20, Lot 1-certified letter sent to Williams  
Update on Edwards property, R6, Lot 3

5. Forms:

Underground Location Permit for Oxford Networks, Rte. 219  
Certification of Industrial Wind Energy Facility Ordinance-signed May 2, 2012  
Attestation of Industrial Wind Energy Facility Ordinance to Clerk  
Special Town Meeting Warrant  
Letter to Black Mountain ATV to allow trail through Town property on R20, Lot 14

Reports:

Planning Board Minutes May 1, 2012  
Road Committee Minutes April 30, 2012  
IWOC Chairman Time Sheet—323.25 hours

6. Road Report:

7. Old Business: Pothier-price on chemical blasting and availability of portable bridge  
Shoreland Zoning and Tax Maps have incorrect placement of stream intersection on R21

8. New Business:

~~Budget-John Phillips 7:30 PM~~

Discussion on goals, community support system, energy issues—create map of recreational areas, products and services offered in Sumner

**May 22-Close Office at 6:00 PM for Budget Hearing; Selectpersons' Meeting?**

10. Other:

May 10-Budget Committee, 6:00 PM  
May 16-Special Town Meeting to vote on wind ordinance, 7:00 PM, fire station  
May 21-Road Committee, 7:00 PM  
May 22-Informational Meeting RSU #10 Budget-Buckfield Office Complex, 6:30 PM  
May 26-Office closed for Memorial Day weekend  
May 31-Wind Ordinance Moratorium expires  
May 31-RSU #10 Budget Validation-Dirigo High School, 6:30 PM  
June 12-Referendum vote on the RSU #10 Budget, Town Office 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM