

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 13, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

Forms and Reports signed:

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Certification of Dog and Adult Business Ordinances

Budget Committee and Planning Board Appointments

MMA Ballot for Legislative Policy Committee

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

Letter of Engagement for Hoisington and Bean, PA

GA Yearly Review Form and Quarterly Report

AVCOG Participation Form for Household Hazardous Waste

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

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

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

Old Business:

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

New Business:

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

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

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

Correspondence:

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

Other:

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

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

There will not be a meeting on August 10.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 27, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

Forms and Reports signed:

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

A 3-contract with ACO Dannie Paine.

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

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

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

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

Old Business:

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

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

McNeil took the Hazard Mitigation Plan grant application.

New Business:

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

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

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

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

Other:

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

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

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

Transfer Station financial reports were available for review.

The next meeting will be August 22.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

DRAFT MINUTES

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 22, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

Forms and Reports:

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

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

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

The Draft 2006 Town Audit Report was available for review.

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

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Silber gave a review of his meeting with the Buckfield Board and the discussion regarding the vote to purchase 10 acres adjacent to the Transfer Station for \$20,000. More room is needed at the Station. Although most of the 10 acres is unusable, there is a half-acre that can be used for storage bins. The money will come from the contingency and operating accounts. The Buckfield Board will attend the September 12 meeting.

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

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

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

Noelle Lueck called Tom Standard to say that she thought laundry soap was being dumped into Labrador Pond. Hinckley will follow up on her call.

Other:

August 30: Oxford County Commissioners Budget Committee Caucus

September 12: David Hoisington, auditor, will attend meeting

Appointments will be made for various committees at the next meeting. Tom Standard offered to work on the NIMCAST 72-question assessment. He gave Silber information for the local director.

The meeting ended at 9:10 PM.

