

01/20/2021 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Craig Clement, Jon Mickel, Kathi Moore, Dwayne Clement, Susan Clancy-Doughty, Daniel Doughty, Ann Hoffner, Crosby Noyes, John Singer and Louis Sutherland, Harbormaster.

Kathi read the minutes from 1/06/202 meeting. Rob suggested an amendment be made to the update on the pier lights, changing "However there have been complaints that the lights are too bright" to read "The original lights were left in place as an emergency backup. At the time, no fisherman expressed interest in using the original or new lights during the winter"; and changing "Jon objected" to "Jon raised a concern". Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon. Unanimous vote.

Rob asked Jon to give an update to the street lights. Jon said he inspected and cataloged every light in the town and asked who is responsible for the ones not facing the streets. Mr. Clark's light is privately owned as is the lobster pound's light. Jon said that makes a total of 38 town lights; of those, 9 are out. It was noted that Emera labeled all of the poles, including privately owned ones. The light at the intersection of Pomola Ave and West Shore Rd has a missing globe; the light at the top of the hill where Waukeag Ave meets Sorrento Ave turn on and off intermittently. Rob asked Craig how he is coming with contacting Versant about getting the lights replaced with LEDs. Craig said no luck by email or phone. He plans to go to the substation in Lamoine and ask how to make contact with someone. Rob suggested when Craig makes contact about the LEDs that he also report to them about the lights that are out of order.

Discussion about the pier lights: Rob asked Crosby to get the electrician's contact info. John Singer asked why the need to turn the lights at all, just don't use them. Rob said it's to project light towards the boats and that maybe this issue should be brought up to the Harbor Committee. Crosby said he sees no need for the lights to be so bright, they are directly in homeowner's faces and they illuminate all the way to Hancock, and asked just what do the fishermen need the lights for. Jon said he made an attempt to reach out to the fishermen, going to the pier at 4 am, with no luck. He noted there were 4 to 5 vehicles already in the parking lot at that time. Lou said that the tenders/skiffs have no lights so at 3 am they need the pier lights to see. Crosby asked how many fishermen this involves and Lou said the Bennetts plus a couple of scallop boats. Someone stated the dock light plus the left-hand light should be sufficient. Crosby said that that right-hand light shines directly onto John Singer's house. He suggested discontinuing the right light, using only the left light plus 1 at the ramp. Jon said this issue will need to be revisited when floats are put back in the water. John Singer said the new pier lights should be sufficient, and Crosby said to use the new dock lights during the summer only. Also, David Green is the electrician and he will email Rob his contact info. Lou suggested disconnecting the pole light.

Other business: Lou said there are 7 people who have not paid their 2020 mooring fees and requested demand letters be sent out via certified mail. The current late fee is \$175. In one week that late fee is increased to \$200. Kathi will send the letters out this week.

At 7:55 Rob made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk
1/21/2021