

12/07/2022 Sorrento Select Board Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chair Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Selectwoman Diana Gazis, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, 911 Addressing Officer Ann Blood, Tom Bailey, Chip Campbell, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Darla and Mason Crocker, Dan Dougherty, Pat Dougherty, Malachy Flynn, Ann Hoffner, Amanda Mickel, Bill & Lensa Neleski, Ted Preuss, Dean & Leslie Potashner, Josh Trundy, Trina Wellman, ? Whalen, Janet Wilpan and Wendy Worrell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Rob Wilpan.

The minutes for the 11/16/2022 meeting were approved as amended, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

1) UPDATE ON TREASURE ISLAND ROAD PLOWING ISSUE: A discussion took place between the Select Board, Road Commissioner Joey Clark, the Town's current plowing/sanding contractor Josh Trundy and Treasure Point Assoc. (TPA) Road Commissioner Dean Potashner, in an effort to come up with a solution to the problem of the Town plowing the entire portion of Treasure Island Road while owning only .2 mile as MMA Legal recommends against it. Rob said in years past TPA would reimburse the Town for the amount spent on their share of salt and sand, but no reimbursement had been made since 2008 as Rob forgot to bill them. In lieu of back payment, Dean proposed that TPA issue a check to the Town for \$500 and Dean personally donate \$1500 to the Sorrento Fire Department. Jon questioned this donation as the Fire Department has no relevance to the situation; Rob said Dean wants the donation to be tax deductible. Rob made a motion to accept Dean's proposal, seconded by Diana, 2 votes in favor by Rob and Diana, 1 vote against by Jon, motion passed.

SOLUTION FOR THIS WINTER: Currently TPA has a contract with Rusty Goodwin to plow and sand their portion of the road and he doesn't want to have anything to do with the Town's portion due to present obligations and insurance liability requirements. Everyone agreed the main issue is there is no turn around on Treasure Island Road and we need to figure out land issues first. Josh said it shouldn't be too difficult to establish a turn around, within 3 weeks it can be done. Rob proposed TPA contract separately with TR Construction and agree to pay \$75 per storm for sand and salt. Joey, Josh, Dean and Rusty are to talk to

come up with an agreement to present at the next meeting and Rob will be looking into who owns the land as far as a turnaround. Jon asked Joey what the status is of the road inventory; Joey said he has not had time to do it yet.

2) UPDATE ON HARBOR POWER: No update

3) UPDATE ON HARBOR RAILING: No update

4) UPDATE ON GRANT: Rob spoke with Melissa Britsch and he has a few more details on how it works. Sometime in Jan/Feb the application will be due, a decision will be made sometime in April, any money spent on the project first needs to be paid by the town out of a special account then the grant would reimburse. Any effort for in kind has to be done after the grant is awarded. It changes things a little bit, things to keep in mind.

5) UPDATE ON SHORELINE STABILAZATIONN PROJECT: The Select Board previously looked at the work completed by Fox Forestry. Rob made a motion that we approve the work done and pay Fox Forestry's invoice for \$2398, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

6) UPDATE ON KEARSARGE AVE/WEST SHORE RD VEGITATION CLEARING: Joey talked with Craig, walking it with him by the end of the week. He will have more info or have it done by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW ROAD NAMES: Ann Blood, Sorrento's E-911 Coordinator spoke about being very confused about how the whole process works. Rob had asked Mike Gurtler to speak with her as far as coordination of building permits, which she did but she said the procedure needs to be worked on a bit further. She currently has a request for new road names off of Sorrento Ave but the person that asked for the road names does not own the land that the road is on, he has an easement off of a driveway on somebody else's land. She has a lot of concerns. She has contacted the CEO, Road Commissioner, Planning Board and State regarding how the whole process works. Most towns have a process, Sorrento has no process. Also she asked how the paper road issue plays into this. A road inventory will be helpful. Jon asked Ann if she was ever given a Job Description. She said has not. Rob said

moving forward on obligations to the town, the need for naming a road occurs when someone want to build a house, in coordination with the CEO. She said people contact her directly and she has no idea who they are and if they have applied for a building permit or not. She is working on a process with Mike, to let each other know when there is a new building permit or house number issued. The Select Board requested that Ann create an illustration that shows the problem with the Sorrento Ave new road name request and present it at the next meeting so that they can resolve the issue. Also they agreed the need to work on her procedures.

NEW PLANNING BOARD/CPC MEMBER: Rob made a motion to add Katharine "Trina" Wellman as a member of the Sorrento Planning Board and Comprehensive Planning Committee, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

CEO RATE LIST UPDATE: CEO Mike Gurtler emailed the Select Board with a proposed updated Rate List, as there is currently no fee for a building permit renewal. Rob made a motion to approve the \$30 charge for the renewal of a building permit, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

COMMUNITY BUILDING BOILER: Jon placed an emergency call to Steve Flaherty as the boiler was not working again, it was low on water, he purged the system and refilled it, he thinks that the system to automatically refill the boiler is not operating correctly, it will be an expensive repair of \$2200 ball park. The alternative is to winterize the building and replace the system. There was a leak in a steam vent in the basement that appears to have stopped leaking. There is a possibility that may leak again; it's an old system with many problems. To replace with a HWBB system is \$80-100K, forced hot air is about half that. Either of those options is acceptable in Jon's opinion. Rob said they plan on installing heat pumps in the back room, which will be separate from this system. Joey added that the furnace is 30 years old. Rob made a motion that we repair the system for the \$2200 ball park quote, 2nd by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed. Jon will message Steve and have him order the parts.

WEST COVE BOAT YARD INVOICE: Harbor Master Lou Sutherland got the latest invoice revised from \$10,136.25 to \$7567.11 and all work invoiced has been done, Jon and Rob okayed Kathi to issue payment of \$7567.11

Jon formally requested an executive session at the next Board meeting of December 21 to discuss some concerns he has and the need to bring Diana up to speed on an ongoing issue that involves personnel and he asked Rob to work that into the agenda for the next meeting, Rob added they will need to discuss Kathi's annual pay increase during that session as well.

Rob made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 12/19/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk.