

SORRENTO NEWSLETTER

July 2024

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The Town of Sorrento website is now live: www.sorrentome.org

Monday: 8 am – 3 pm
Wednesday: 1pm – 6pm
Friday: 8 am – Noon

The most wasted of days is one without
laughter." —*E.E. Cummings*

Select Board:

Diana Gazis 207-422-3697 term expires 2025

diana.gazis@sorrentomaine.org

Hilly W. Crary 207-422-3462 term expires 2026

Hilly.crary@sorrentomaine.org

Rob Wilpan 207-422-9115 term expires 2027

rob.wilpan@sorrentomaine.org

Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector:

Mike Gurtler 207-460-5544

ceo-lpi@sorrentomaine.org

Fire Chief/Road Commissioner/Public Safety Officer:

Joey Clark 207-812-2208

tonkajoe801@yahoo.com

Harbormaster:

Lou Sutherland Jr 207-266-5706

harbormaster@sorrentomaine.org

Animal Control:

Pepper Mitchell 207-664-3261

animal.control@sorrentomaine.org

E-911 Addressing Officer:

Maggi McCaw

911officer@sorrentomaine.org

Public Access Officer

Maggi McCaw

Public.access@sorrentomaine.org

RSU 24 School Board Member:

Newbold Noyes 207-422-3396 term expires 2026

nnoyes@rsu24.com

Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Warden

Mike Hall 207-400-6183 or 207-963-7104



SORRENTO SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

are held the first and third Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m.

In person at the Sorrento Community Building
and via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86535623920?pwd=d010ajZHVE9sbStmQXpZSGMrZkNwUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3562 3920

Passcode: 307652

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Regularly scheduled meetings will resume 1/4/2024

First Thursday of each month

In person at the Town Office 5PM

or

VIA ZOOM

Enter Meeting ID: **889 8753 5935**

Download, install & launch Zoom Client

Enter passcode: **470621**

planningboard@sorrentomaine.org

Sorrento Comprehensive Plan Committee

Climate Change & Natural Resources

July 11, 2024 6PM-7:30PM

Sorrento Community Building

RSVP for Zoom Link

aphilson.wixsite.com/sorrentocomplan

Credit and debit cards are now accepted at the Town Office!

Minimum Fee \$1 up to \$40.00

2.5% Fee on charges \$40 and over



State of Maine's Rapid Renewal system for Sorrento is now

available: <http://www.1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

If you would like an email reminder for your registration renewal, please send your name and email to:
townoffice@sorrentomaine.org

Online Boat Registration Renewal: <https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/boat/>

Online Fishing and Hunting licenses: <https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/mosesv3/index>



CELEBRATE SORRENTO!

From: Sorrento VIA
To: Sorrento Residents

Summer is nearly here, and we invite you to "Celebrate Sorrento!" this summer!

Come together with family and friends, old and new, to enjoy Sorrento's outdoor splendor and exciting community events!

"Celebrate Sorrento!" is a new initiative by the VIA to help build a strong Sorrento community by bringing together year-round and summer residents through VIA activities and events. We invite you to join in the fun! The VIA is planning several special events for the community this summer.

The VIA also offers many programs for children and adults, and has amazing recreational facilities for members' use, such as the saltwater pool, the newly resurfaced tennis and pickleball courts, Blink Bonnie golf course, a croquet court, and more.

We invite Sorrento residents to join us. There is a new introductory membership rate for new members who are year-round Sorrento residents. Please scan the QR code on the "Celebrate Sorrento!" flyer for more information about membership, and check out our website at www.sorrentovia.org to learn more about all the exciting programs and events planned for this summer.

Upcoming "Celebrate Sorrento!" Events:

A town-wide July 4th Picnic at noon at the Town Green featuring kid activities, free ice cream sundaes for "kids" of all ages, a Sorrento Fire Dept. truck, corn hole games, a reading of the Declaration of Independence by local celebrities, and more.

An outdoor square dance on Ocean Avenue next to the Town Green on July 24th, 5:30-7pm, organized by the Betsy Conway Concert Committee of the Church of the Redeemer and co-sponsored by the Sorrento VIA and Town of Sorrento.

Weekly pick-up beach volleyball games at the VIA Pool beginning in July

Community Conversation

July 11, 6 pm at the Community Building

Please join us for Climate Change and Natural Resources:

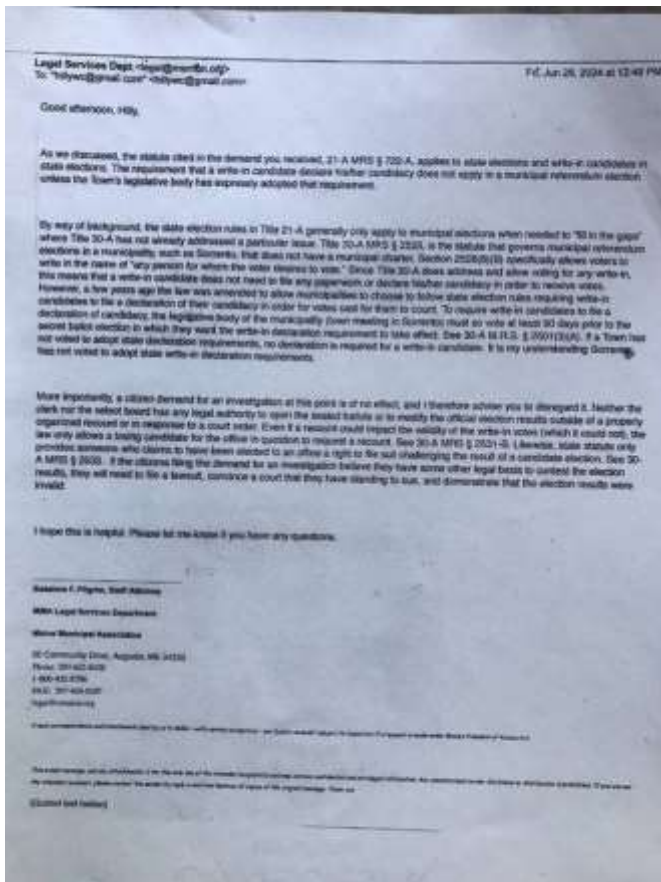
How will Sorrento move forward to protect its natural beauty for future generations?

Please visit the Sorrento Comprehensive Plan website to review the presentation and discussion group results.

<https://aphilson.wixsite.com/sorrentocompplan>



Sorrento Fire Chief Joey Clark, Kasey Bean, and Danny Perry were at the annual water run at the Sorrento Lobster Pound June 14 to distribute 26 pallets of drinking water to first responders from neighboring towns. For 24 years Joey and Danny have travelled to the Poland Springs bottling company to bring the pallets back. The Lobster Pound's forklift and driver loaded pallets into pickup trucks and trailers but once at the firehouse, unloading 78 cases of 24 bottles is by hand!



The Town of Sorrento Clerk and Registrar of Voters received requests for legal advice regarding whether a "write in" candidate must declare their candidacy. Hilly Cray is the contact for MMA Legal and she asked and received this answer for the Registrar of Voters to post.

Town of Sorrento

Board of Selectpersons Minutes

Community Building

5/15/24

Attending: Hilly Crary (chair), Diana Gazis, Rob Wilpan, 5 in person. The laptop was not working properly so ZOOM was not used.

Call to order, good news report. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. The good news was that the FEMA helper assigned to us for reimbursements for repair of January storm damage is the same individual who was assigned to us and has helped with obtaining reimbursements for the repair of damage caused by the December storm.

Adjustments to the Agenda. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of the 5/1/24 and 5/8/24 selectboard meetings. The minutes of the two previous selectboard meetings were approved and then signed. The motion to approve was made by Diana Gazis, seconded by Hilly Crary and passed, Crary aye, Wilpan aye, Gazis aye.

Disbursement Warrant #22. A motion to approve Disbursement Warrant #22 was made by Hilly Crary, seconded by Diana Gazis, and passed: Gazis aye, Crary aye, Wilpan aye. The warrant and payroll were then signed.

Candidate questionnaire. The town's questionnaire for candidates was sent twice to the one candidate for selectman, Myles Bierman. It was not filled out and returned, either on paper or digitally.

Town Pier power and Webcam update. Bud Lee Electric has been given the contract to repair the lighting at the town pier and is starting this repair. We have no cost estimate for buying a webcam for the harbor. We decided to put off placing this purchase on the town warrant until next year because on this year's warrant we have too many other expenses.

Sand and salt shed electricity update. We have shut off all breakers, and the meter in the sand and salt shed shows no current. Now we will wait to see if the next bill for electricity corresponds to what is expected when having no current.

December Storm FEMA update. Hilly has signed off on the December FEMA paperwork. We had high costs for removal and chipping of downed trees because we have no town crew for this.

Roads/culverts/ditching Inventory update Steve Schley has a lot of photos of Sorrento's roads, ditches, and culverts which he is putting on the Town laptop for a database.

Digital Traffic Speed Sign. This sign will be put out by Joey Clark, in consultation with Rob.

Set a date for another special selectboard meeting to work on Annual Warrant and Town Report. Two dates were set: Monday May 20 and Thursday May 23, both at 7 PM in the Town Office.

At 7:30 pm: A motion was made, seconded, and passed for an executive session pursuant to IMRS 405 (6) E – consultation with legal counsel . An executive session with attorney Patrick Lyons was then conducted.

Meeting Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at the end of the executive session: 8:39 PM.

5/21/24

Meeting opened at 7:00PM.

Attending: Hilly Crary (chair), Diana Gazis

The selectpersons met to work on the Warrant and Annual Report for the Town meeting.

A motion was made to meet again on Tuesday June 4 to continue this work. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously!

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

6/4/24

Meeting opened at 7:00PM

Attending: Hilly Crary (chair), Diana Gazis, Rob Wilpan, Darla Crocker, and a dog named Colby.
The selectpersons met to discuss the Warrant for the Town meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Dog Licenses

****Dogs must be licensed by January 1 of each year or when they reach 6 months of age.**

\$6 for neutered/spayed... \$11 for unaltered

****Any dog living in the Town of Sorrento must have a Sorrento license/tag.**



*****When licensing your dog, you must bring with you your dog's rabies certificate showing the tag number and date of expiration and your certificate of proof of spay or neuter, unless these are already on file at the Town Office.**

Online licensing is available October 15 thru January 31

www.apps1.web.maine.gov

Starting February 1 a fine of \$25 will be due along with the registration fee on any unregistered dog. If you no longer own a dog that was registered last year, please call the Town Office to update our records.



When transferring your auto registration from your vehicle to a new/newer vehicle, you MUST bring in the registration of the vehicle you are transferring from.

Ellsworth branch BMV hours are

8-4:30 Monday through Friday Tel: (207) 667-9363 8:30-4:30 Fax: (207) 667-0048

EXPIRATION DATES

VEHICLES: Expire a year from when they are registered (unless you are transferring)

TRAILERS: Can be registered for 1 or 2 years, same month, except over 2000 lb.

Trailers expire in Feb. (1 or 2 years)

BOATS: Expire Dec. 31st

ATVs: Expire June 30th

SNOWMOBILES: Expire June 30th

MOTORCYCLES: Expire March 31 of every year, except antique

SORRENTO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Residents of Sorrento are eligible for scholarship funds to pursue additional learning after high school. These scholarships can be used for a wide variety of education – college, technical school or many other accredited programs. Students receive up to \$1500 per semester plus a bonus for achieving top grades.

Please consider a gift to this fund and become a part of the community encouraging the next generation of high school graduates to pursue additional education after high school.

Please make checks payable to: Sorrento Scholarship Fund

and mail or drop off checks to: Gina Bennett, PO Box 93, Sorrento, ME 04677

Sorrento residents, who are currently or will be starting post high school education in the future, please contact Wendy Worrell at 402-689-8682

CARTER BROTHER'S SCRAP METAL PICK-UP

Danny Carter 207-422-9120

We pick up appliances, plumbing material, household wiring, or any metals.
Call us to schedule a pick-up



To submit news or advertise in the Sorrento Newsletter, email
townoffice@sorrentomaine.org
or call 422-6889. The deadline is the 20th of the month.

Sorrento Fire Department

BURN PERMITS

You are required by Maine law to have a permit to burn, even for a small pile of grass clippings or leaves. **A Forestry Warden** will be called if you burn without a permit, possibly resulting in you being **summonsed to court and fined.**

The person who signs the fire permit is responsible for the fire. Do not leave any fire unattended.

To obtain a burn permit contact:

Joey Clark, Fire Chief	207-812-2208	Craig Clement, Chief Engineer	207-460-7340
Brian Clement, Deputy Chief	207-460-4772		
Mike Parker, Asst. Chief	207-460-7340		

Required for burning:

*****at least two adults to attend the burn,***

*****some form of water supply and hand tools must be on hand,***

*****and it is recommended you have a cellular phone or other communication device to call for assistance should the fire escape.***

YOU are responsible to see that the fire is out before leaving.

TAKE NOTE

BURNING TRASH IS ILLEGAL!!

State Laws (12 MRSA 9321-25) governing the backyard burning of household trash are enforced by the Maine Forest Service.

If you think someone is burning trash **please call 973-3700 immediately!** 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.

ONLINE BURNING PERMITS

Traditional hand-written burn permits are still available, but the state online system allows permits to be acquired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state, provided that the fire danger is not high.

For more information, call 287-4989 or visit www.maineburnpermit.com.

SORRENTO FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL

Fire Chief Joey Clark is looking for volunteers to form a committee for the Sorrento Fire Fighter Memorial to be built on the old Sorrento fire house property, honoring deceased members of the Sorrento Volunteer Fire Department.

Contact Joey at 207-812-2208 or email tonkajoe801@yahoo.com



Please consider donating to the Sorrento Fire Fighter Memorial Fund. Checks can be made out to the Town of Sorrento (write FF MEMORIAL in the memo field) and mailed/dropped off at the Town Office, 79 Pomola Avenue, Sorrento, ME 04677



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR A/C CHRIS EKLUND
SUNDAY JULY 14TH, 2024 AT 2PM
CHARLES M SUMNER LEARNING CENTER**

If anyone would like to donate to final expenses to help lessen the burden on the family, please send to:

Sullivan Fire Rescue

c/o Mike Pinkham

1888 US Highway 1

Sullivan, ME 04664

Made Out To: Town of Sullivan

Reference: Chris Eklund

To be dispersed at a later date.

After the ceremony there will be refreshments and time to socialize. Anyone that would like to donate food we are planning items that don't need to be cooked. (finger sandwiches, fruits, veggies, chips, dips, baked goods, drinks, etc.) if you'd like to donate to paper goods please send money to the above address, same info, just reference supplies. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

If you have pictures you'd like to submit for a sideshow please send to the above address. If you want them back please indicate. Email is another option. sullivanfire1959@yahoo.com, please scan and send the best quality possible. We will do our best to include all.

FOR RENT

Cottage on West Cove

BR/B/KIT/LR/DECK

+Guest Room w/screened porch

Available: August /September

\$875/week - less for full month

(207) 546-0536

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway Committee

would like to have a member from Sorrento! If you are interested please email:

info@barbaraeshanahan.com

or call 207-479-2699. And check out their website: schoodicbyway.org