

3/17/2021 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Craig Clement, Jon Mickel, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Diana Gazis, Daniel Dougherty, and Tom Bailey.

1. Minutes:

Craig Clement read the minutes from the 3/03/2021 meeting. Diana Gazis pointed out that John Singer's name was spelled Signer and Ann Hoffner did not attend the meeting, it was Tom Bailey. Rob made these amendments and then he made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Craig Clement. Unanimous vote.

2. Update on 911 Addressing:

Jon Mickel has heard back from MMA legal and the current procedures remain, no way around it. Rob said he will put this on the next town meeting agenda in addition to updating the Shore Land Zoning Ordinance.

3. Update on boiler claim:

Jon Mickel met with the claims inspector who specializes in boilers. Jon shared the SD card from his helmet with him and he found all of the stated facts to be true, but found it odd that the boiler was left wired open.

4. Reports from Officers:

Fire Chief, Joey Clark: Joey reported that shingles are blowing off the roof of the firehouse. 6-8 were lost in the last storm. This led to a discussion about the age of the roof, which was determined to be 21 years. Joey will get quotes on replacing the roof with composition shingles and metal.

Road Commissioner: Joey contacted TDP Ent. for sweeping. It will be 2-3 weeks before they can get to it and will call back to schedule. The roads have been posted, with an exception made to Dugas Construction to travel to Bean Point where they are working on the old Devine property.

Selectman Jon Mickel reported he was contacted by concerned residents asking if Greg Trundy ever obtained a building permit for his outbuilding. Rob said he will forward what he has on file to Code Enf. Officer Don Baker.

Water District: Rob asked Diana Gazis to give an update on Long Pond Water District. She said that the high trichloromethane (undesirable byproducts of chlorination) values seen last summer were found to be due to incorrect measurement of chlorine by the instrument used to monitor chlorine concentrations. As soon as the problem was discovered and the instrument replaced, the water district has had very low trichloromethane values. But because the value used to monitor trichloromethane is a yearly value, it has taken several low readings to reduce the yearly average (the value used for reports to customers) to the desired value.

5. New Business:

Jon Mickel reported that residents are concerned about the strength/structure of the town pier. Tom Bailey then spoke. He is a retired architect and he and his wife go daily to the pier and dock. There is sag and a negative camber and the rails are bowing. Rob said that he spoke with

Christopher at WCBY last year about reinforcing the bowing rails which provide the support for the pier which was designed as flat. After much discussion, Rob asked Jon to speak with Christopher and have him look at the pier/dock and give his recommendations on correcting the issues.

Rob asked Tom if he was interested in filling one of the open slots on the Planning Board or Board of Appeals. Tom said he will get back to Rob about it.

Rob reported that the City of Ellsworth wants to pull out of being the administrator of the Frenchman's Bay Shellfish Ordinance. Due to the COVID pandemic, they are in the red for the first time due to reduced license fee revenue. In past years the license revenue plus \$3000 from each participating town has supported the expense of the Shellfish Warden, but not this year. Rob will forward the email to the other Selectmen.

Jon Mickel reported he researched the MMA WCSIP (Workers' Comp Safety Incentive Program). He said it looks good on paper but would be more work than it's worth. What would be the consequences if the 1st tier is not made and from the Fire Department's standpoint, there are no more volunteers coming on board to make it worthwhile. He suggests to pass for now.

6. Other Business: Tom Bailey brought up that American Agriculture out of Norway has filed an application for establishing a closed pen salmon farming operation on 120 acres of Frenchman's Bay. Discussion ensued.

At 7:48 Rob made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk
3/19/2021