

6/14/2023 Sorrento Select Board Meeting Minutes

Attending in person at the Sorrento Community Building were Selectmen Rob Wilpan, Selectwoman Diana Gazis, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Tom Bailey, Connie Dedam, Dan & Patrick Dougherty, Darla Crocker, Jock Crothers, Jeff Harden, Ann Hoffner, Bill & Joanne Holmes, Jon Mickel, Bill, Lensa, Macy & Kyle Neleski, Terry Noyes, Colleen, Mark & Steve Ober, Clay Savage, Lynn Stone, Dale Strohmaier and Hilly Welch Cray, plus attendees via Zoom.

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

DISBURSEMENT WARRANT: Diana made a motion to approve Warrant #22- the 6/14/2022 Disbursement Warrant, seconded by Rob. Vote: Gazis yes, Wilpan yes, motion passed and the warrant was signed by the Select Board.

MINUTES: Diana made a motion to approve the 6/01/2023 Emergency Select Board meeting minutes, seconded by Rob. Vote: Gazis yes, Wilpan yes, motion passed.

MURAL PROJECT: Connie Dedam made a presentation for a new mural commemorating Sorrento's 125th birthday. The artist is Chris Sarro, who painted the 3 murals on the side of Tideway Market. Currently there is \$5040.65 in the mural fund and Chris has agreed to do one panel for \$5000. The location remains the same, on the side of the town office building. Rob made a motion to move forward with the proposal, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, Motion passed. Connie provided the Select Board with a proposal and sales agreement for their signatures. She would like to have the project completed this summer with a pot luck supper to celebrate the completion.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Sorrento resident Macy Neleski made a presentation for her Eagle Scout project coming up in August. She is asking for permission to erect a 4'x8'x8' shed on town property. Her preferred location is in the corner of the CB parking lot, as it has to be visible from the road. It will be a year-round library/food pantry (canned and non-perishable goods). Rob made a motion to approve the plan, placed as described, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed. She will be the youngest female Eagle Scout and she is also looking for any donations (a shed or materials for the shed build).

BLUE GRASS BAND CONCERT: Rob said the town is co-sponsoring with the Church of the Redeemer, a blue grass band concert on the village green on July 27. Rob made a motion to approve sponsoring, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed.

PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERK POSITION: Rob announced that they are creating a new position, a part-time deputy clerk/tax collector/treasurer. He is hoping that this person will be a Sorrento resident, there is no budget for it yet but the fiscal year starts July 1 so we can adjust the budget accordingly. The position would be for 8 hours per week but available up to 20 hours per week, to be fully trained by Kathi, to be advertised in the June newsletter, the candidates will be interviewed separately by Kathi, Diana and Rob, the Board and Kathi will meet in executive session on July 5 to deliberate and hopefully approve a candidate. Rob made a motion to approve the terms as written above, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed.

SPECIAL SELECTPERSONS ELECTION: Rob said the special selectperson's election has been cancelled because the notice was not posted and the office was not open for nomination papers to be available.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE: Rob made a motion that the annual town meeting/election be set for Saturday September 30, 2023 with the hours set the same as last year (8 am to 12 noon=election and 3 pm=meeting portion) with nomination papers being available Thursday June 15, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT FACILITATED BY LYNN STONE: Lynn was asked by the Select Board to facilitate a community feedback/experiment session. She asked the audience to make their statement as a proposal to the town instead of making a comment. Proposals include: making Fuller Road a “No Thru Traffic” road; do something about speeding; putting the speed trailer to use again; talking to contractors to slow their trucks down; place homemade signs on your own property saying “slow down”; parking be developed at Doane’s Point Beach.

At 8:02 pm Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 7/03/2023 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk