

11/03/2021 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Daniel Dougherty, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Lynn Stone, Zelinda Welch, Lou Sutherland, Tom Bailey, Diana Gazis and Gianna Settin. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

Minutes: The 10/20/2021 meeting minutes were read by Jon. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion approved. Also, Jon made a motion to approve the 10/06/2021 meeting minutes as they were not approved during the last meeting, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion approved.

UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE ROOF: Joey has contacted Todd Johnston of Superior Builders for a quote and is waiting to meet with him.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING REPAIRS: Joey reported that on November 2, ABM was called to service the boiler again. After a discussion, Rob agreed that heating system replacement should be considered.

UPDATE ON TOWN PIER REPLACEMENT: Rob spoke with MMA insurance and no certification is needed. Rob noted that the engineer who evaluated the existing pier said that public piers should be designed to 100 lbs. per sq. ft., standard design; ours is 60 lbs. per sq. ft. Rob has to contact Henri for a breakdown of the difference. Rob asked Jon to contact Town Code Enforcement Officer Don Baker to see what permits are necessary, if any.

UPDATE ON NO FRILLS PRE-PAY CONTRACT: Rob checked the Town Office fuel tank and it is full. There was a discussion about how to best use the oil furnace with 2 heat pumps. It was decided to have a second thermostat in parallel with the existing oil furnace thermostat to make sure that the bathroom does not get too cold. Jon is to call ABM for info and cost of adding a thermostat. Rob noted that the air conditioner that was in the Clerk's office window is still sitting outside. Joey said if no one wants it he will take it. Craig said he would take the unit that was in the Selectmen's office. Rob made a motion to give away the two air conditioners, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote. Joey said he would pick up the units.

UPDATE ON AMBULANCE CONTRACT: Kathi reported that the State and Hancock County RCC have been notified about the change in emergency responders: Gouldsboro is primary, Sullivan is second, Northern Light is third and Petit Manan is fourth. Joey said he received a call from Bob Conary at Hancock County RCC and they have never charged the Town for dispatch services but they will not be back charging. We should be receiving a bill starting in December or January.

UPDATE ON SNOW PLOWING: Craig is still waiting for Josh Trundy to provide his contact info. He will ask him again.

UPDATE FOR ZELINDA WELCH: Rob met with Tom Fox. He is putting this on his fall work schedule.

UPDATE ON FUNDS FOR LONG POND WATER DISTRICT: Jon attended Sullivan's Selectmen meeting but was not able to speak. Rob said he found out from Crosby Noyes that some capital updates have been done already - a standby generator and control system updates. Both are on the list on MMM's website. The grant money will pay for these updates and free up funds for other projects.

UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS: Joey reported he has some signs to put up and asked how many more he needs to order? Rob said 4 new private road signs. Joey asked Rob to send him the info on them. Jon discussed purchasing yellow (recommended) speed limit signs for Waukeag Ave, Kearsarge and Sorrento Ave, each with 20 mph speeds. Joey asked if the flags are staying up, Rob said no they can come down anytime. Joey will arrange this.

UPDATE ON RADAR SIGN: Jon looked into radar sign options. He said it makes sense to go with the same company our current sign came from so the software can be interchanged. He found a 12" display unit for \$2,749 but was not sure if it clocks speeders 40 mph over limit so he will do more research to find this out. It was agreed to purchase this unit if it does clock speeders 40 mph over. Joey suggested calling the State Highway headquarters in Augusta to see if they have any surplus units for sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob informed the other Selectmen that the Tax Commitment Books are ready to sign. The mil rate increased from \$9.10 to \$10.

Rob reported that he spoke at the recent DEP ZOOM meeting concerning the American Aquafarms proposed project in Frenchman Bay.

Harbor Master Lou Sutherland reported having a problem with people storing their boats in the harbor. Tyler Thompson Jr from Hancock has not hauled out his 30' sailboat from Back Cove. It was agreed to have Lou send Thompson a violation letter telling him to remove his boat immediately. Jon said the Harbor Ordinance needs to be updated to state that pleasure boats must be removed by November 1, not to be returned until after March 31. Lou said he is meeting with the Harbor Committee in the spring and will get the ball rolling on this.

Lou said the bushes at the town pier need to be wiped out. Jon said they reduce the size of the lanes for passing traffic and reduces the view of the harbor. Rob said they need to be regularly maintained, but not removed to control soil erosion. Lynn Stone said she would be happy to volunteer to cut them back on a regular basis. Jon said we should consider replacing the large bush with a Rugosa. It was agreed to table this until April, the start of the growing season.

At 8:23 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed. The Selectmen immediately went in to Executive session via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted on 11/15/2021
Kathi Moore, Town Clerk