

02/02/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Diana Gazis, Tom Bailey, Tim Guyette and Nico ???. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing was held to review the Junkyard Permit renewal application by Guyette's, Inc. Guyette's was represented by Tim Guyette. Rob asked if the selectmen had any questions or if the audience had questions, there were none. Rob made a motion to extend the permit for one year, Jon seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Craig read the 1/19/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, motion approved.

UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS: Jon spoke with the DOT Traffic Engineer. It is a pretty long process, he likes the idea that we started our own traffic study and he will accept our data rather than having it drawn out by the DOT doing their own study. When he gets the opportunity he will visit the intersection so right now just wait for him to do his fact finding. He is worried about the visibility of the signage and wants to be sure that approaching vehicles can see the stop sign at a far enough distance in order to stop.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING BOILER: Jon said Steve has not gotten back to him but he will reach out to him again. There was a discussion about whether or not the boiler room door should be closed. Rob asked Jon to try Steve again and see if Steve will text back concerning the answer about the door.

UPDATE ON PIER DESIGN: Henri did a drawing with a 21" platform on the main float, with the current ramp going down to that, but he put in 3 steps going down to the main float. Rob thinks this is a concern so he approached Henri about the idea of a small ramp. Henri said it wouldn't be ADA accessible; but neither would stairs, so Rob asked him to look at the idea of a second small ramp which would be a lot easier than extending the existing ramp. When Rob gets the updated drawing he will share it.

UPDATE ON AMERICAN AQUAFARMS: Rob has been working with UMaine researchers Lauren Ross and Sean Smith. They are working on a proposal for a grant application with the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the first stage has been approved by Maine DEP with 10 days to complete. Rob also obtained a commitment of \$3000 (Bar Harbor \$1000, Frenchman Bay Conservancy \$1000, a resident of Bar Harbor and Hancock \$1000) so with that donation and in kind value of Lauren's efforts sampling in the bay anyway with her research, they will be able to apply for a grant that will give 2/3 the cost of purchasing a 4 parimeter sonde, a device to measure throughout the water column and testing other analytes of the water that Lauren collects. If approved, the grant funds will purchase the device and pay for additional testing for the next 2 years. Rob said his efforts in working with the University of Maine researchers and getting grants/donations all fall in line with the Town's efforts to help collect information to oppose the proposed salmon farm, and with the approval of the Article at Town Meeting asking the State for an environmental impact study. There are 8 organizations from Portland to Belfast that do this sort of thing with funding from grants/donations, some have volunteers or paid staff and they monitor the areas and have track records. The Friends of Casco Bay has been doing this for many years. They all belong to an organization called Maine Coastal Observing Alliance and Rob would like to hear what the Selectmen feel about joining it and trying to get other towns around Frenchman Bay to join. Craig & Jon both agreed joining would be a good thing. More details to follow.

UPDATE ON OCEAN AVE SHORELINE THINNING: Rob received two quotes from Tom Fox of Fox Forestry: **Quote #1) Clean up the town property across from the Singer and Welch residences \$2398.00.** Rob made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Jon, motion passed. **Quote #2) Prune apple trees and remove Brown Moth nests along Ocean Avenue \$3135.** There was a discussion about the effectiveness of the spraying, pros and cons. Diana Gazis commented that the infestation along Ocean Ave. could be viewed as a hazard to people walking along the road. Rob made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Jon, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revised Permit Fee Schedule: New Code Enforcement Officer Mike Gurtler submitted to the Selectmen a revised Permit Fee Schedule. After review, Rob

made a motion to approve the revised fee schedule, seconded by Jon. Motion passed.

At 7:55 Jon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob.

Respectfully submitted on 2/14/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk