

06/01/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chairman Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Selectmen Craig Clement, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Dan Dougherty, Tom Bailey, Diana Gazis, Ann Hoffner and Trina Wellman. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Rob read the 5/18/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON PIER PROJECT: Jon reported that excavation is complete and he met with the concrete contractor there last week. Kathi is to forward the final excavation bill to the Selectmen for review before paying it.

UPDATE ON RECORDING MEETINGS: Rob reported that he had recorded the Planning Board meeting and had trouble retrieving it so he asked Jon yesterday if he would look into recording the Selectmen meetings. There was an attempt to record this meeting via Zoom, but due to technical issues this did not happen. Audio only was recorded. Jon will research and hopefully have the kinks worked out by the next meeting.

UPDATE ON KEARSARGE & WAUKEAG VEGETATION REMOVAL: Jon said it looks like the staked locations are for a different project. Jon will touch base with Craig tomorrow to see what his schedule looks like.

UPDATE ON SORRENTO AVE DEADFALL REMOVAL: Jon could not get to the Town Office to do research on this due to him having COVID. He is quite sure he knows who the property owner is and will have a conversation with them.

UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF LED SIGN AT TOWN OFFICE: Kathi reported she is having trouble finding three electricians to provide quotes; she will keep working on it.

UPDATE ON BRUSH PILE BY CHURCH: The pile is now cleaned up.

UPDATE ON BULK TRASH PICKUP DATE: Kathi received answers from Harris Disposal regarding Bulk Waste Drop Off: The site will be attended by their people the entire time; they are providing trash trucks for demo, containers for metal and universal waste and they will provide equipment enough to do the work. Kathi has received the Certificate of Insurance from Harris. The Selectman agreed that they hope this works out well. Jon said there is one benefit to everybody being able to throw away whatever they want right at their driveway - it will be beneficial in keeping the town cleaner and looking more presentable. We do understand that driveway pickup is preferable but was not available.

UPDATE ON OCEAN AVE DITCHING: The Jon and Craig checked the situation out. Jon said it doesn't look like the property was overly ditched and the Town should not be responsible for reinforcing it. Craig this has happened over time and now needs to be re-ditched. It was agreed the town will re-ditch the area in question and if property owner wants to reinforce with Rip Rap after that then it's between them and Road Commissioner Clark.

UPDATE ON FISHERMENS FLOATS: Jon spoke with Lou and Christopher. The plan is to remove one of the floats for access and dig and bury another piling. This will happen sometime over the summer.

UPDATE ON DOANE'S POINT SIGN POST: Joey reported the sign post was pulled up and someone took the sign. He will have the post and sign replaced.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE GREEN FLAG POLE: Joey reported that the flag pole has been fixed. Rob noted that Joey and Chris Eklund, with the help of the ladder truck, worked on feeding new rope down the memorial flag pole and put up a new US flag.

UPDATE ON FUNDS FOR LONG POND WATER COMPANY: Diana Gazis asked about the status of the ARPA money. Rob said there is a reporting requirement and is having difficulty finding anyone that can tell him what is required or not. Below a certain amount there is no reporting requirement and he is a bit uneasy about that, so hopefully soon we can release the money.

NEW BUSINESS: Jon asked Joey for permission, now that the roads have been swept, to put the radar sign back out in some random spots. Joey said he would

not put it out on Route 185 or Kearsarge, as they will be striping the roads right off.

Joey suggested that the Town purchase a drill big enough to install the speed bumps, as it is difficult finding someone to do it. He said he could have had the speed bumps in a month ago if he had access to a drill. Rob asked Joey if he had a price, \$419 for a battery operated Milwaukee hammer drill. Jon made a motion to approve the purchase of the drill so the job can be done in a timely manner, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion approved.

Kathi said the Harbor Committee met today and as a result there was an amendment to the Harbor Ordinance that Lou gave her to email to the Selectmen. Rob shared it on his screen. The proposed amendment reads: "With the exception of working Commercial Vessels, no moorings shall be occupied and no vessels shall be anchored in Sorrento Waters during the winter mooring period from November 1 to April 15." Rob made a motion to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed. There then was a discussion about what constitutes a commercial vessel. It was decided that Lou needs to make a clarification on this. Jon said he will talk with Lou about this. Tabled until next meeting.

Kathi said currently the Town election is on a Monday in September with the Annual Town meeting on the following Monday evening. She is suggesting moving the election to a Saturday morning with the Annual Meeting being held in the afternoon or evening of the same day. There was a discussion and Jon asked for feedback from those attending the meeting, it agreed that anything to increase its turnout is a benefit to the community. Rob made a motion to move the Annual Town Election and Meeting to Saturday, September 24, 2022, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Joey said Kaz's Fine Lines will be town within a week or two. It was agreed that the pier parking lot needs to be striped so she will need to come back in a few weeks when it's empty. Joey said she is also doing the Town Office lot as well.

At 8:08 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 6/15/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk