

8/04/2021 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Diana Gazis, Tom Bailey, Lou Sutherland, Connie Dedam and Zelinda Welch. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

1. Minutes:

Rob read the 7/21/2021 meeting minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion approved.

2. Update on Firehouse roof:

Joey is still waiting for 2nd quote.

3. Update on Community Building claim:

Joey reported that Robert Ginn has used all of the tape and another roll is on order. A roll is 75' long by 2" wide and costs \$37.

4. Update on town pier:

Rob is waiting to receive the engineer's report; Kathi confirmed it has not arrived yet.

5. Update on Traffic Logix Software:

Joey and Jon still have not heard back from Roy Gott yet, it's on Jon's to-do list to follow up.

6. Update on heat pumps:

No update.

7. Update on boat ramp culvert:

Jon reported that Craig Dubois has removed the rock.

8. Update on brush management near pier:

Rob called Kevin Tracy with no reply, so he called Lou. Lou contacted Jake Belhumeur who can start on it in a couple of weeks.

9. Update on Versant subcontractor debris:

Rob still has had no reply from Versant's Manager.

10. Update on sand issue at intersection of Pomola Ave., West Shore Rd. and Sorrento Ave:

No update

11. Update on Haslam Septic to install new chlorinator at the rental building system:

No update.

12. Update on the Fire House Floor drain cracks:

No update.

13. Update on East Side Road culvert project:

Rob reported seeing a Maine DOT survey crew at the site on 8/3 and 8/4.

14. Update on Waukeag Ave storm drain project:

No update.

15. Update on float replacement:

Waiting for Jon to put together a replacement schedule of the four floats, in order of replacement need, including estimates. Lou said he has already applied for \$15,000 for 2 wing floats. Rob asked Lou to provide him with the amount of additional funds needed to include in the warrant. Lou said the town's portion is \$8,227.

16. Update on stop signs:

Joey reported that the stop sign has been installed across from the intersection by the old fire house.

17. Update on speed bumps:

Joey reported that the speed bumps are installed.

18. Update on East Side Road speeders:

No update.

19. Update on eroding hot top at back walkway at the Town Office:

No update

20. Update on basement lightbulbs @ the community building.

Joey reported this is on his to-do list.

21. Update on replacing the firehouse lights with LEDs:

No update.

22. Update on model sailboat regatta:

Rob spoke with Oakley and he will try having the regatta on a Sunday. Jon spoke with Bob Worrell who is also involved and he will make sure it doesn't interfere with any commerce.

23. Update on Community Building keys:

Rob found another set and gave them to Kathi.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connie Dedham spoke about the Town Office Mural Project. The mural is to celebrate the 125th year of incorporation, 2020. She has a written agreement between the Town and artist, James Groleau, for the Selectmen to sign. The total estimated cost is \$11,000, with a 10% deposit due next spring. Rob made a motion to approve the sketch and move forward with the agreement as Connie explained. Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed. Connie said that her next move is to solicit donations and make this information available on Facebook, in the Town newsletter and at the Town Office.

Rob reported that he received a request from Jean-Andre Rougeot to name his private road off of West Shore Road to Vicki's Lane, after his late wife. Rob made a motion to approve naming this private road Vicki's Lane, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Joey reported that Barbee Construction wants the Town's supply of winter salt in his pit by mid-September so delivery needs to happen by then. Rob is to provide Joey with the contact info of the DOT representative to make delivery arrangements.

Jon reported that he and Lou were at the boat ramp on Saturday afternoon and noticed there was parking on both side of the road. There are no parking signs at the Village Green but not the boat ramp. There was also a complaint about cars going too fast by the boatyard with a request for speed bumps there. Jon said it is a big problem. There was a discussion about speed limits in that area. Jon made a motion to reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH on Waukeag Ave, seconded by Rob, motion passed unanimously. Joey is to order 2 signs, one for each side of the road. It was also agreed that a sign be installed at the 4-way intersection of Sorrento Ave/ Waukeag Ave/ Kearsarge Ave/ Doane's Point Ave, headed down hill, stating "**Sorrento Village Speed Limit 25 Unless Otherwise Posted**". Rob is to email Joey with the wording so he can order the sign.

Rob reported that he is holding Warrant Work Sessions on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom, since the Town has approached its fiscal year-end. He asked Kathi to post signs at the Town Office and Community Building bulletin board.

Lou reported that the portable toilet enclosure at the town pier needs to be repaired or removed. Rob felt that without the enclosure the unit is subject to vandalism. Craig and Jon said the enclosure should be removed. Jon made a motion to have Jake remove the enclosure, Rob hesitantly seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Lou reported that a commercial entity is being run out of Doane's Point Beach (aka Isaac's Beach), a kayak tour business. Their web site advertises they do tours all over the area and uses a picture of Sorrento on their site. They occupy a minimum of 4 parking spaces for a pickup, trailer and at least 2 other vehicles. Rob said that is a parking issue. Jon said that scuba divers use the parking there. There was a discussion as to whether the Board of Selectmen has the authority to regulate how town roads are used. Jon said the Town should not allow non-resident commercial use, Rob said resident commercial use would still be a problem. It was agreed to post that the Selectmen will be voting to adjust the parking ordinance at the next Selectmen's meeting. Rob made a motion to move forward on updating the use of parking at Doane's Point Beach (Isaac's Beach), Jon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Lou wanted to make the Board aware of the fall expiration date on the Fish Float Grant contract. The finished floats must be inspected by an engineer. John said that the floats will be complete within the next couple of weeks.

Zelinda Welch, who lives in a 5th generation family home on the corner of Oak St. and Ocean Ave, inquired if there was anything that can be done to clean up the overgrowth and brush on the ocean side of Ocean Ave across from her house, as it obstructs the view. Rob said a forestry management person needs to select which trees to cut or save. Zelinda asked when this would happen and Rob told her before the leaves turn in the fall.

At 8:20 Rob made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk 8/11/2021