

03/16/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Dan Dougherty, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Diana Gazis, Tom Bailey, Mason & Darla Crocker. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

GUEST SPEAKER ON AQUACULTURE MORATORIUM: A presentation was made by Crystal Canney, Executive Director of Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation. She spoke briefly about the increasing number of aquaculture leases since 2011 without the resources to oversee them. Their legal team put together a model 180-Day Moratorium on Aquaculture Development as a baseline for municipalities and they can modify it as needed.

MINUTES: Rob read the 3/02/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING BOILER: Jon reported that Steve is still working on quotes and his recommendations for upgrades. He did say that we can leave the vent open a crack.

UPDATE ON PIER DESIGN: Rob reported that Mike said legally we don't have to abide by the 4" sphere maximum openings for new pier but it's quite open and we need to do something. Henri quoted \$6,000 to string stainless steel cable and attach to the sides, or aluminum balusters. Mike suggested using lobster mesh, not sure how to attach or what it would look like. Discussion. Color options for lobster mesh are white or gray. All Selectmen agreed this would look best, Rob will get prices.

Rob met with Tony Atwater about proposals for adjusting the height of the approach of the pier, he is working on that.

UPDATE ON GANGWAY MAINTENANCE: Rob reported that Jon provided the WCBY estimate for gangway repairs of \$2405. Rob made a motion to approve the work as quoted, seconded by Craig, motion passed. Jon abstained from the vote.

UPDATE ON FRENCHMAN BAY MONITORING PROJECT GRANT: Rob reported that Frenchman Bay United donated \$1000.

UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE ELECTRICAL: Joey said he checked again with Donnie Lee and he is still swamped, we are on his list.

UPDATE ON STATE SURPLUS FUNDS (DONEE): Joey reported that the paperwork has been submitted and the new cards are in the mail.

UPDATE ON PROPANE GAS DETECTOR: Rob suggested having Seacoast Security install a detector that's wired into the system. Kathi offered to call them to order this.

UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS: Jon forwarded an email to Rob, Craig, Joey and Kathi that he received from Alan Farrington, DOT Traffic Engineer, outlining the DOT findings & recommendations. The DOT concurs that the sight lines are short and barring some very expensive realignment of the intersection, they agree that an all-way stop is the best option with the resources available. The DOT will be ordering an LED solar powered flashing STOP sign to install on the North approach of Sorrento Ave; they will install all-way STOP signs (in addition to the current stop signs); STOP AHEAD signs on Sorrento Ave & Kearsarge and left side of the road STOP signs on Sorrento & Kearsarge. With visibility concerns, they'd like the Town to cut back the vegetation on the North side of Kearsarge for better visibility for traffic on Kearsarge, vehicles entering the roadway from the Spain residence and visibility through the intersection for vehicles on Waukeag. Also they requested the immediate removal of the Dangerous Intersection signs due to liability concerns. Jon is to contact Kevin Spain to set up a meeting with Joey and Jon.

1) Jon made a motion to remove the Dangerous Intersection signs as soon as possible, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed.

2) Jon made a motion to respond to Alan Farrington at DOT approving his plan of remediation with the only contingency being the vegetation issue that needs further discussion, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed.

3) Jon reported that we recently purchased a fixed solar radar sign to try to improve the safety of this intersection and with this proposal the sign will not be needed so Jon made a motion to return the sign to the vendor and if for some reason that is not possible then we offer the sign for sale, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON WAUKEAG STORM DRAIN PROJECT: Rob reported that Annaleis from Olver Associates has been working on the project for improving the drainage along Waukeag Ave and removing storm water from the sewer system. The cost of the project she is applying for is \$275,000 so we will see what will happen with the funding. If we don't get 100% funding we don't have to accept it, or possibly there are other grants that will cover the difference.

UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT: Jon reported that Harbor Master Lou Sutherland has a mooring available for the Fire Department's boat for \$500. It is located right in front of the dock. Jon made a motion to take Lou up on this \$500 mooring, in as is/where is condition, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed. Jon said he will follow up with Lou.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathi reported that the most recent No Frill's Oil statement reflects that in one month the Community Building used 410 gallons of oil, so there is \$474 remaining on our pre-paid contract for that building. Craig said that something needs to be done about the front doors. Dwayne was over there today and the bottom of the door was popped out so there was a gap. There was a discussion about winterizing and closing the building down for the winter in the future. The Fire House used 244 gallons in one month and there is \$254 left on that prepaid contract.

Joey brought up that we are very close or have gone over the threshold of \$5/gallon for diesel fuel. Rob said it's in the contract that out of surplus we pay that difference.

Joey reported that there is an issue with people dumping trash along Fuller Road. He has received several complaints and checked it out; there was a crib, paint cans, mattress, and pillows alongside the hill from the salt/sand shed. He had Josh Trundy pick up stuff the other day; it's getting out of hand. Joey suggested putting up a game camera in the area to find out who is doing it. Rob said the Town has 2 of them; they just need batteries and memory cards. The other Selectmen were in agreement. Rob is to get the cameras to Joey and Joey will set them up.

At 7:50 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 4/05/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk