

12/01/2021 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, Diana Gazis and John Harris. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

John Harris, owner of Harris Downeast Disposal, was in attendance to discuss his trash contract with the Town of Sorrento. His last contract expired 9/30/2019 and he was paid \$21,748.27 annually. He has since hauled for 2 years with no contract or pay raise. The old contract included a \$1,000/year raise. He is looking for a 2-year contract at \$31,000 annually, due to the rising price of fuel and increased worker's wages, in addition to extra \$ to make up for the past two years. He is currently getting \$83/hour but should be getting \$120/hour. Rob told John that the 2021/22 budget has already been approved at Town Meeting but going forward to submit a new contract next summer for the 2022-23 budget to present to the Town. Jon Mickel said an adjustment needs to be made so the Board will see what the Town can give him between now & next year for this fiscal year. Rob is to email John Harris with the results.

Minutes: The 11/17/2021 meeting minutes were read by Craig. After some amendments, Rob made a motion to approve the minutes amended, seconded by Jon, motion approved.

UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE ROOF: 3 quotes have been submitted to replace the firehouse roof with metal roofing: \$29,000 from Robert Ginn; \$28,950 from Carter Construction; \$27,000 from Corcoran Contracting. Rob & Jon want more info before making a decision: roofing brand, gauge thickness, lap joints, are they continuous panels.

UPDATE ON SNOW PLOWING: Craig got Josh Trundy's contact info and emailed it to the Board Members, Town Office and Road Commissioner Clark.

UPDATE ON FUNDS FOR LONG POND WATER DISTRICT: Rob received the list of needed improvements from Crosby but has to search the guidelines to see if everything is on the approved list.

UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS: Jon said he would like to look into the possibility of installing a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Doane's Point Rd/Sorrento Ave/Waukeag Ave/Kearsarge Ave. He feels this is the only way to slow down the traffic and make the intersection safe. Joey is to provide Jon with the DOT contact info. Also, Joey suggested that the radar sign be put up for the winter due to plowing. Jon said he will make this happen.

Jon brought up that during the Nov 17 Selectmen meeting, Sorrento received a fire call which he and Joey responded to. He made a motion to postpone future meetings when Selectmen are called out. Rob said he wants to amend the motion to say the meetings are stopped; however, the Warrant needs to be signed. Craig seconded, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joey said the boiler at the Fire House is not functioning properly as they have had to reset it several times. Rob suggested contacting Seacoast Security to have a low temperature sensor installed.

The furnace at the Town Office was cleaned/serviced by ABM on Nov 30. They found the chamber collapsing, causing impingement and creating soot. After replacing multiple parts they were unable to correct the situation and condemned the furnace. The Board decided the best route is installing an electric heater with thermostat in the bathroom. Tabled until mid-winter to see if a heater is needed.

Rob reported that he received an email from Code Enforcement Officer Don Baker giving his notice effective December 31, 2021, due to health issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS: Chief Clark reported that the rescue boat has an unrepairable leak and is not water tight and the Fire Department wants to proceed with looking into its disposal. The trailer is rotting and not roadworthy. West Cove Boat Yard has expressed interest and made an offer to buy the boat, motor and trailer for a total of \$3000, as is, after stripping the Fire Department's equipment. Rob made a motion to accept WCBY's offer of \$3000 as is, Craig seconded, motion passed. Jon abstained from the vote. Joey noted that Sasa Cook is willing to help the Department to apply for government surplus equipment for a new boat.

Rob noted Disbursement Warrant 11 need to be signed by the Selectmen.

At 8:52 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 12/14/2021 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk