

02/16/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Dan Dougherty and Diana Gazis. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Rob read 2/02/2022 minutes and amendments were made. (The minutes were not approved during this meeting. This will be brought up at the next meeting.)

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING BOILER: Jon reported that Steve said the boiler room door should remain closed, but since the louvered vent on the boiler is not operating properly causing the boiler to run hot and creating a lot of soot in the room, the door can be ajar to reduce the amount of heat buildup in there. Jon is waiting for an email with a quote on some repair options. Rob suggested adjusting the vent to leave it open a crack all the time. Jon said he will ask Steve.

UPDATE ON PIER DESIGN: Rob received the updated drawing from Henri with two quotes: 1) \$3000 for the platform and ramp and 2) \$1200 to bring back cribbing to the upper level. After a discussion, Rob made a motion to move ahead with the project with the platform with the ramp for \$3000, Jon second, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Rob is going to ask Henri to put a benchmark in the blacktop to aid in the leveling of the approach to the pier. Railing and cornerstones were discussed. Jon suggested bringing in our CEO Mike Gurtler for guidance on building codes and necessary permits.

Jon reported that the new aluminum pier sections should be arriving Feb 21 and 22 and will be stored on top of the floats in the parking lot of the Town dock.

UPDATE ON AMERICAN AQUAFARMS: Rob reported that the final proposal is going in on Friday.

UPDATE ON OCEAN AVE SHORELINE THINNING: Jon reported he will be attending a webinar this month on brown moth infestation. He took some time and drove along Ocean Ave to count the number apple trees and look for brown moth nests. He didn't see a lot of nests but noted there are a significant number of apple trees in that area, so it seems that the price tag on that is right in line.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob is having Craig take over the project of copying documents needed for updating Sorrento's tax maps. Rob will be working with University of Maine @ Machias Professor Dr. Tora Johnson, having her students digitize our tax maps. This is what she teaches and she uses this as a training exercise, which will save us some money. What we have on Maine GIS were digitized from 2010 maps. Once the maps are updated they will be put on the Maine GIS website and the goal is when our website is up and running it will just link to that site and we won't have to maintain it. We will be contracting to University of Maine @ Machias to maintain it annually.

Jon said he was asked by Jake Belhumeur if the Town was interested in selling or leasing a piece of property on Fuller Road. He is looking for a space in town close to his house where he could put up a Quonset hut and store some sand. The spot he has in mind is directly across from Hank Smith. Rob noted that this spot is very near the closed landfill and we are not allowed to sell it, and that's the only open space we have to possibly store something so maybe lease it short term.

Discussion. Craig suggested letting him lease next to the salt & sand shed. All were in favor of this. Rob said to tell him we are considering it but we need to revisit this when the ground is fully visible. Jon said he will speak with Jake before the next meeting and invite him to join for discussion at the next meeting.

Joey reported that Roy Gott has been working on the Fire Department's computer and it has been determined that the computer needs to have a dedicated power source as there is not enough power in the back room. Everything in that office is plugged into one circuit. Rob said get an electrician in to put in more circuits.

Jon had someone call and report that the Kearsarge and Ocean Ave sign is disconnected and hanging from the pole.

Joey reported that the Fire Department recently purchased a used boat – 2002 Triumph 21' center console with 2002 Suzuki 140 hp outboard and 2002 EZ Loader trailer. It came with a 1 year warranty. They are hoping to keep it on a mooring in the harbor to reduce response time, 45 minutes quicker than USCG. Discussion ensued about concerns of theft and maintenance.

Joey suggested that the Town adopt the State's Mailbox Policy. A resident reported losing his mailbox twice to the snowplow. Rob said that neither the Town nor the plowing contractor is responsible for replacing mailboxes. Joey said he will have something put in the next newsletter.

At 7:55 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig. unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted on 3/1/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk