

## **05/04/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chairman Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Tom Bailey, Diana Gazis, Ann Hoffner, Amanda Mickel and Trina Wellman. Selectman Craig Clement was absent due to having Covid. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Rob read the 4/20/2022 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 he not heard back from Steve regarding quotes. This is tabled for a later date.

There was a discussion on replacing the hot water heater and discussion on whether or not to turn off the hot water heater. Jon will add that to his list to ask Steve when he gets ahold of him.

UPDATE ON PIER PROJECT: Jon received the M.L. Vance excavation estimate, the quote is \$3,604. There was a discussion about the cost being higher than expected, whether or not he is excavating too much and the amount of materials he is charging for. Rob made a motion to approve the M.L. Vance estimate, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Jon reported that Mike Coulombe asked if we would like him to do anything ahead of time for hand rails for the new pier abutment. The need for fall protection was discussed. Rob and Jon agree that the best idea is for drilled epoxy studs. Jon will email Mike back to have him leave out that detail, do the concrete with no sleeves.

UPDATE ON FRENCHMAN BAY MONITORING PROJECT GRANT: Rob reported that on May 5 he is attending a Zoom meeting when grant applications will be evaluated, his application rated high and all 7 judges are in favor of it.

UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT: Jon said Lou has just returned from vacation and will reach out to Lou regarding the status of the mooring.

There is need to have the mooring serviced but Jon cannot discuss or vote on this. Tabled for further discussion when Craig is in attendance.

UPDATE ON GAME CAMS: Rob will get the game cameras to Joey for installation near the Salt/Sand shed.

UPDATE ON QUICKBOOKS: Kathi will email the forms to Rob who will sign them and drop them off with a copy of his ID.

UPDATE ON USE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY: Rob said the Town attorney, Dan Pileggi of Acadia Law, charged \$50 for the telephone conversation he had recently with Fire Chief Joey Clark. Rob said the issue has not been resolved because we haven't received the report from the fire chief who is in the process of helping. Joey called for guidance, there is nothing wrong with a Town official seeking initial legal consultation and no permission is needed in that situation. Jon said that is good because he spoke with the attorney 5 days before he got permission. Jon asked what guidance was needed and why it was necessary, he is not fully aware let alone anyone else. Rob said it was for continued support and he was told to seek out another fire chief to evaluate Jon's concerns. Jon agreed that was a wise decision and asked which chief, Rob said it might be good to wait until the report is received.

UPDATE ON OAK & OCEAN CULVERT: Rob & Joey checked out the situation, Rob reported there is an very old drainage system that runs from Waukeag thru Alex Devine's property all the way to the beach. There is need to secure the path so that no one builds on it, it needs a survey and an easement. Joey said he will get Josh Trundy to replace the culvert which crosses Cedar St.. Rob said it needs a filtration cage in the catch basin, the one in the woods needs a new one, plus there is another one in that area. Rob said he will put together 3 cages. Rob told Joey to have Bob locate them; we need to mark and maintain them periodically. Joey said the vendor is in the area sweeping so he will have him take a look to see if the culverts need to be ditched or cleaned out.

UPDATE ON VERSANT SUBCONTRACTOR DEBRIS: Kathi reported that a resident called to see what the status is of removing the tree debris from her yard left by the Versant subcontractor last year. Rob said that last year he left messages for the supervisor of Versant's tree cutting division but he never returned his calls. He was hoping Versant would pay for Asplundh, who was cleaning up the town, to clean up this debris but they wouldn't touch it. It was decided that the State Utilities Commission is the best next step. Jon will contact them.

UPDATE ON EAST SIDE ROAD CULVERT PROJECT: Kathi reported she received a call from Maine DOT; they will be boring holes for culvert on Monday, May 23.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about Kathi recording the meeting on a voice recorder to assist her with typing up the meeting minutes. Rob said if meetings are taped you have to keep them forever, or they have to be transcribed exact word for word.

Jon asked Joey if the private road signs are in yet and if he has any idea when they will be installed. Joey said they will be up as soon as he gets to it. They are in and will be put up. Rob asked how the signs look; Joey said the signs are not how the Selectmen wanted. They do not have PRIVATE on the bottom. Rob said to send them back, it's not acceptable. Jon said he was asked to change his address and now it has been changed with some people and not with others and now it's at the point where he is having trouble getting packages delivered to his house because no one knows what address he is, it has taken so long to get the signs, so it's unacceptable. The signs should be installed as is then replace them later because this has become a big problem. Rob agrees it is a problem and asked Joey to put up the signs as soon as he can and we will deal with replacing them.

Jon asked Joey if he has contacted anybody yet to clear the vegetation on the corner of Kearsarge and Waukeag. Joey reported he contacted Craig at Hyde Point and Craig was supposed to touch base with Jon. Jon has to speak with Craig tomorrow so he will talk to him about it.

Jon asked Joey if he has contacted anybody about removing the deadfall along Sorrento Avenue. There's one tree on the wires and a tree across the street from that that was identified as a concern last year. Joey said no one is going near the tree on the wires until either the telephone or cable company takes down the tree. Jon asked if he has contacted either of them. Joey said he has called twice but gotten nowhere with it. Jon said regarding the tree that fell into the woods with the butt sticking out into the road, he was contacted by a resident last year who was concerned that if somebody was to go off the road there they might meet their demise when hitting the tree abutment. Joey said it's an MDOT road and the Town is not spending money on that. It's the State's responsibility. Jon asked Joey as the Road Commissioner would he please contact them and see if they would be willing to deal with that, Joey said he would.

Jon reported the stop sign at the intersection of Ocean and Maine is missing, it has been down for a while and now it's gone altogether. Joey said he will have to put a temporary sign up, with the wind blowing nothing stays there.

Jon reported the sign at the bottom of Kearsarge at the corner of Ocean is down again. Joey said now that the frost is out of the ground he will have a new post put up within the next couple of days.

Kathi had previously sent the Selectman a quote she received for purchasing an LED sign for outside of the Town Office. Rob shared the quote. The signs are one sided so we would need 2 for it to be visible from both sides of the road. The cost is \$1700, plus \$800 to \$1000 for installation (labor and materials). For \$300 more it can be upgraded to be wired into the Clerk's computer and for \$995 more it can be upgraded to wireless. Jon said the sign is a great idea. A discussion followed about how to cut into the electrical by the memorial and which upgrade is needed. Jon said returning of the new TrafficLogix sign will offset this cost. Rob made a motion to tentatively approve the LED sign but table for further planning. Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Joey asked who created the brush pile by the library and church, he would like to ask them to remove it, it's been almost a year. Tom Bailey said the pile is on a public right of way. Diana Gazis said the company was hired to clean up the property around the church last summer and fall, she talked with them and they were coming back. She said she will look into the records to see who the company is. Peter Hunt hired them and paid for it. Rob said he will ask Peter to follow up with the company.

Kathi reported she is having an Issue getting a bulk trash date from John Harris of Harris Downeast Disposal; she has sent 2 emails and multiple calls, no reply and residents are getting antsy. Rob wondered if it was due to him operating without a contract, John was supposed to submit a new contract this summer for the 22/23 fiscal year. Rob asked Kathi to look for past contract and email it to the Selectmen for review.

Kathi asked who has the key to the clerk's office. Rob, Kathi, Maggi and Dwayne. The Selectmen agreed that since Dwayne is no longer employed with the Town his key should be returned and only Rob, Kathi and Maggi should have the key.

Rob reported that there was a tour of the new middle/high school on May 3 and he apologized for not forwarding the email invitation from Principal J.T. Green to all of the Selectmen. There will be another tour on June 2 at a time to be determined. Jon & Kathi are interested.

At 8:13 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 5/17/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk