

06/15/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chairman Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Selectmen Craig Clement, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Tom Bailey, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Darla Crocker, Dan Dougherty, Ann Hoffner and Trina Wellman. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Craig read the 6/01/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON PIER PROJECT: Jon reported that the concrete has been placed and the forms were removed today; it looks like either tomorrow or Friday for Custom Float Services to begin work on the cribbing and then the installation of the pier.

UPDATE ON RECORDING MEETINGS: There was an attempt to record this meeting via Zoom, but due to technical issues this did not happen. Audio only was recorded. Jon will research and hopefully have the kinks worked out by the next meeting.

UPDATE ON KEARSARGE & WAUKEAG VEGETATION REMOVAL: Jon reported that Craig Dubois is dealing with the aftermath of his barn fire and is behind schedule. All of the signs are placed for the new intersection; the vegetation is not an immediate problem to have to source a new contractor.

UPDATE ON SORRENTO AVE DEADFALL REMOVAL: Jon hasn't had a chance to touch base with the property owners yet due to his work schedule. He will get to it ASAP.

UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF LED SIGN AT TOWN OFFICE: Kathi reported she has not had time to search for an electrician, hoping for time before the next meeting.

UPDATE ON OCEAN AVE DITCHING: Jon met with the caretaker and reinforced the Town's position from the last meeting; he will take this info to the homeowner.

UPDATE ON DOANE'S POINT SIGN POST: Jon reported that Lou sent the Selectmen an email about commercial use happening again in that area. Jon left a

note on the kayak tour guide's truck to give him a call. Jon has since spoken with the guide, told him that we are limiting use of that area to non-commercial and he agreed to respect our wishes and the Town ordinance and we shouldn't have any trouble again from that kayak tour. Joey reported that the sign replacement is on his to-do list.

UPDATE ON SPEED BUMPS: Joey reported that the drill has been purchased and he hopes to work on installing them this weekend.

UPDATE ON HARBOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Jon suggested that this be tabled again until Lou can join a Selectmen meeting.

UPDATE ON TOWN MEETING: Rob said historically the town election was on a Monday and a week later, the following Monday, would be the Town meeting. Kathi asked if there was a reason why the meeting portion cannot be at the Sorrento Community Building. Rob said part of the reason to move it to a Saturday was to encourage more people to attend and that venue doesn't hold that many people. There was a suggestion of holding the meeting in the fire house or the Sorrento Library. A discussion ensued. It was decided that given the possibility of the pandemic and people wanting space, the Selectman agreed it is best to hold the meeting portion at the Rec Center. It was asked if masks will be mandatory, Rob said they will be optional as long as the CDC is not requiring them. Rob made a motion that the election portion of the Annual Town Meeting will be from 8 am to noon at the Sorrento Community Building on Saturday, September 24 and the floor part of the meeting will continue the same day at 3 pm at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed. Absentee ballots will be available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon reported that it was brought to his attention that someone dumped an old refrigerator (including the contents) off of Nautilus Road, right by the stop sign over the bank on the Swallow Hollow side. This is a continuation of the problem from this spring when trash was dumped on Fuller Road. Joey said it is illegal dumping and falls under the Maine Forest Service. Joey was asked to make a report with them. Joey added that dumping is occurring over on the West Shore almost to the intersection with Sorrento Ave.

Kathi reported that there is no capacity tag at the Sorrento Community Building. Joey said there always used to be one, maybe it was taken down when the building was cleaned and painted last year. Jon said this is dictated by the Fire Marshall's office and asked Joey if he would contact them to see what needs to be done to get a new tag.

Rob asked Tom if he remembers what the date is of the meeting the Planning Board hopes to have at the Rec Center, because no date has been reserved. Tom is to look at the minutes for the exact date and let Kathi know so she can reserve it.

Darla Crocker spoke about putting up around town three "Little Free Libraries"; they are outdoor enclosed bookshelves that are available for anyone to donate or take books from to read. She had previously emailed Rob with pictures. The first one they would like to put up is in front of the Community Building and they are requesting permission to install it. Also, she has the opportunity to get a lot of daylilies and she would like to clean up the garden area, plant daylilies and combine the garden and library area. Jon made a motion to approve the request to add the first library as depicted, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed. She was given permission to self-install the unit. Trina Wellman asked for input as to where the Selectmen would prefer the second "library" be placed. After a discussion it was agreed that the ideal spot would be at the Town dock near where the VIA signboard goes up. They would like to have them available year round, but Trina said she would take responsibility for taking the one at the pier down and storing it for the winter. The location for the third one was discussed. It was agreed that the Old Town Office would be the best location. Darla asked if she could clean up the grounds and plant daylilies there as well, Rob asked her to draw up a sketch of where she would like to plant and talk about it at the next meeting, but in the meantime she can plant them on the south side of the building.

At 7:52 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 7/06/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk