

06/21/2023 Sorrento Select Board Meeting Minutes

Attending in person at the Sorrento Community Building were Selectmen Rob Wilpan, Selectwoman Diana Gazis, Town Clerk Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Tom Bailey, Susan Clancy-Dougherty & Dan Dougherty, Darla Crocker, Jock Crothers, Giff Ewing, Wendy Gamble, Jeff Harden, Bill & Joanne Holmes, Tony Kuehn, Jon Mickel, Elizabeth Moriarty, Bill, Lensa & Macy Neleski, Crosby & Kathleen Noyes, Terry Noyes, Daphne & Ted Preuss, Clay & Jane Savage, Lynn Stone, Dale Strohmaier, Hilly Welch Crary, plus attendees via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Rob Wilpan.

DISBURSEMENT WARRANT: Rob made a motion to accept Disbursement Warrant #24, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis yes, Wilpan yes, motion passed.

ARPA FUNDS: Rob made a motion to pay the final disbursement (\$7967.25) of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act funds to Long Pond Water District, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed.

TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE: Rob requested that Kathi provide him and Diana with the login information for the Town of Sorrento's Facebook page.

RECALL ORDINANCE: Diana has been meeting with Clay and Jane Savage and Elizabeth Moriarty to come up with an acceptable version of the proposed Sorrento Recall ordinance. They have another meeting tomorrow.

TOWN WEBSITE: Rob made a motion to hire Bonneville Consulting from Belfast to help get the town website up and running, using what Rob had already created, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis aye, Wilpan aye, motion passed. The cost is \$100 per hour but that is for getting the template set up and getting it working properly.

TOWN NEWSLETTER: Rob asked Kathi for the status of getting out newsletter mailed out ASAP. She said it is on her to do list but not a priority. He said he to email him everything and he will take care of it.

DOANE'S POINT BEACH PARKING: Rob said this should be tabled for a while due to the expense of expanding parking; there are paving projects in town that need to take priority.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Hilly reported that the committee has been working on a public engagement survey which will go out in the mail the first week in July.

PUBLIC COMMENT FACILITATED BY LYNN STONE: Lynn was asked back by the Select Board to facilitate a community feedback/experiment session. Several residents in attendance were questioning the need for the session. Lynn asked the audience to make their statement as a proposal to the town instead of making a comment. Proposals include: maintain some level of

civil discord during the SB meetings; the select board start running the meetings on “Robert’s Rules of Order”; repair the Traffic Logix radar sign; including a “Public Comment” session at the end of the select board meetings; the select board provide more transparency – report back on solutions to proposals; revisit the Comprehensive Plan and make sure we are accomplishing it; form a separate Capital Improvement Committee; all committees are conducted with a Zoom option and are held at the community building where there is more seating available; the town purchase a laptop to use for meetings; provide some sort of transparency – regular reports from all committees; take your proposals and email them to the select chair to be included on the next SB meeting agenda.

At 8:06 pm Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Diana. Vote: Gazis yes, Wilpan yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 7/05/2023 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk