

05/18/2022 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, Harbor Master Lou Sutherland, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Tom Bailey, Diana Gazis, Ann Hoffner and Amanda Mickel. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Jon read the 5/04/2022 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: Excavation is to start the end of this week and concrete work is to start the beginning of next week. Rob mentioned it may be a good idea to use fiberglass rebar. In an effort to avoid delays and additional expense it was agreed to use epoxy coated rebar. Lou asked for clarification for the need for fall protection and voiced his opinion on the use of lobster netting not being aesthetically pleasing. He also feels the project is turning into the “big dig”. Jon assured him that we don’t want to inflate the costs any more than necessary and aesthetics are a big factor. The need for a building permit was also discussed. Kathi reported that Mike Gurtler has submitted the Permit By Rule application to the D.E.P.

UPDATE ON FRENCHMAN BAY MONITORING PROJECT GRANT: Rob reported that the grant was approved for almost \$23,000.

UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT: Lou said the Town now owns the mooring. Jon said WCBY will agree to service the mooring, if that is what the other selectmen would like to do. WCBY recommends that the mooring gets pulled up, inspected, cleaned off and reset in its current location. The price is \$250. Rob made a motion that WCBY services the new mooring for the Fire Department, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON GAME CAMS: Rob found the cameras and will get them to Joey.

UPDATE ON VERSANT SUBCONTRACTOR DEBRIS: Jon has filed a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission as a representative of the Town of Sorrento.

Versant will be contacted, notified, given 10 days to respond and given the opportunity to correct the problem before any other action occurs. The PUC will notify Jon by mail at the Town Office of their findings and action to be taken. He also notified the property owner of his action and urged her to contact the PUC as well, since they will only speak with the person making the complaint.

UPDATE ON RECORDING MEETINGS: Kathi had previously emailed the Selectmen material she had found on recording of meetings. These were shared by Rob on his screen. There was a discussion about how to interpret the laws and about using Zoom's recording service. Rob made a motion that we start using the Zoom service to record meetings which will automatically create a transcription for the records and as an aid for Kathi to create the minutes, for a trial period until we revisit it for any issues that have arisen, at the meeting directly following the annual Town meeting, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON ROAD SIGNS: Jon said his sign is up and Joey said the rest will be put on Friday.

UPDATE ON KEARSARGE & WAUKEAG VEGETATION REMOVAL: Hyde Point Caretaking will get the job done within the next couple of weeks. Jon said he noticed stakes out where the signs will be put in so it looks like the State may have started the project.

UPDATE ON SORRENTO AVE DEADFALL REMOVAL: The tree fell onto the owners' property so it's the owners' responsibility to remove it. Also, the tree that's on the wires is the property owners' responsibility. Jon will get the property address and look at the tax maps at the Town Office to see who the owners are.

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UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF LED SIGN AT TOWN OFFICE: Kathi previously emailed photos of the Town of Lamoine's LED sign for reference, which Rob shared. Their sign post is metal, but ours would be wood set into the ground in cement, which is included in the installation quote. An electrician would be needed to get power to

the sign and then we need to decide if we want to run two different conduits, one for data and one for power, or if we wanted to do a wireless connection for \$995, but that might also decrease the cost of having an additional conduit being run. Jon thinks we should take a look at electrical contractors and get some quotes to tie the power in for that sign and we should also look for quotes on what it would cost to run an additional conduit for the data cable for the Town Office. Kathi is to reach out to 3 electricians for quotes.

UPDATE ON BRUSH PILE BY CHURCH: Diana got In touch with Peter Hunt and he got in touch with the company. They will get the mess cleaned up.

UPDATE ON BULK TRASH PICKUP DATE: Kathi reported she cannot find the old Harris Disposal contract. She heard back from Harris Disposal's office manager. We are scheduled for Saturday July 8 and Saturday August 13, they will be stationary at the salt/sand shed on the Fuller Road and the hours are 9 to 3. If anyone needs a pickup and cannot do drop off, they will do a "basic" pickup for \$35. The Selectmen want more specifics so we can instruct the residents how best to approach this since this is new:

- 1) They have to attend it
- 2) They need to provide us an insurance certificate which limits the town's liability
- 3) What are they providing and what happens when it gets full
- 4) How many yards have been collected in the past and how many roll offs will they need to account for roughly that amount.

There are too many gray areas right now. Kathi is to email Harris Disposal for this info.

UPDATE ON CLERK'S OFFICE KEYS: Kathi asked for permission to have a keyless door lock installed on the Clerk's office door, someone is gaining access off hours. There was a discussion about going keyless, that way everyone would have their own entry code. Jon made a motion to pick up a keyless combo door pad for the Clerk's office, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joey received a complaint from a resident by the town pier, their lawn is starting to slide towards the ditch; it was last ditched 5 years ago. They asked Joey about installing rip rap but he didn't know who is responsible for repairs/cost? This is

tabled until the next meeting so the Selectmen and Joey can go check the situation out.

Joey reported that his son-in-law's truck was stolen from his driveway, the keys were in it. The vehicle was found in Hancock a few days later. Residents should be aware not to leave keys in their vehicles.

Kathi informed Rob that there is paperwork he needs to sign ASAP from the auditor, and there are RSU 24 budget warrants for all Selectmen to sign, at the Town Office.

Diana created a draft of a Town of Sorrento website and shared it. Diana's connection froze up.

Lou asked to discuss fishermen's floats. The pilings didn't get installed as per the contract; the last piling is 24' further up the beach from where the other one came out so he wants to see another piling farther down, after the busy season. It will take some of the southwest load off the hinges. Also, 1 float needs 2 more cleats installed on it, and caps on the existing pilings. Lou, Jon and Chris are to meet at the floats to discuss the plan. Lou informed Joey that the Doane's Point sign post down by Isaac's Beach is lying on a culvert.

Joey informed Rob he will be down working on the monument by the village green, the flag pole needs to be sleeved or removed, it is broken in two. Joey's connection froze up after that.

At 8:49 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 6/01/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk