

7/06/2022 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, Dan Dougherty, Diana Gazis and Ann Hoffner. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jon Mickel.

MINUTES: Jon read the 6/15/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Jon made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON PIER PROJECT: The pier is done with the exception of a few finishing touches, and is available for use. It looks great, all positive feedback. Rob suggested picking up a bucket and brush and once the fresh water is hooked up have it available in case someone wants a bird dropping free seat. Joey said he will work up on getting the water hooked up. Rob asked Jon to take care of replacing the end of the old ramp where it is rotted. Also, where the ramp attached to the old pier, the ramp could swing back and forth freely but with the new pier it hits when the ramp rocks. Jon will take a look at this and see what can be done. Kathi said she is still waiting to receive M.L. Vance's invoice for excavation. Craig said he will get in touch with him about it.

UPDATE ON RECORDING MEETINGS: Jon reported that this meeting is being recorded via Zoom.

UPDATE ON KEARSARGE & WAUKEAG VEGETATION REMOVAL: Our project is on Craig's list. Tabled.

UPDATE ON SORRENTO AVE DEADFALL REMOVAL: Jon reached out to the property owner who has not yet responded. Jon asked for feedback as to what our next step should be as the tree top is still hanging there on the wire and the wire coating is unraveled. Joey has contacted Consolidated Communications several times but gets no help from them. This is tabled.

UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF LED SIGN AT TOWN OFFICE: Kathi is still looking for an electrician, everyone is so backed up.

UPDATE ON DOANE'S POINT SIGN POST: Joey will have the sign up by this weekend.

UPDATE ON SPEED BUMPS: Joey reported that they are all installed except by the boat ramp towards the Post Office. Jon reported he set the radar sign by the town dock and 2 days after the speed bumps were in there were no more speeding instances.

UPDATE ON HARBOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Tabled until Lou can be in attendance.

UPDATE ON TOWN MEETING: Kathi reported that Peter Drinkwater has been reserved as moderator.

UPDATE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING: Joey reported that the Maine Forest Service will be increasing patrols in this area. Jon asked if anything has happened to remove the refrigerator, Joey said he will arrange to have it hauled away.

UPDATE ON CAPACITY TAG AT COMMUNITY BUILDING: No update but Joey will have one by the next meeting.

UPDATE ON PLANNING BOARD OPEN MEETING DATE: Tom reported the date is July 21 and Kathi said she has reserved the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center for that date.

UPDATE ON LITTLE LIBRARIES/GARDENS: Tabled until Darla Crocker is in attendance.

UPDATE ON ARPA FUNDS: Rob looked into reporting requirements for the ARPA money and he still does not have the definitive information yet but he doesn't see any reason why we can't release funds to the water company for the amount spent on the generator, which is \$20,370.67. Rob made a motion to release \$20,370.67 to LPWD, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE ROOF: Kathi reported that the new roof is complete with the exception of the ice stops, which will be installed tomorrow. There is one sheet of aluminum left over which the contractor is leaving here. The Town Office

front porch repair will be completed tomorrow also. Also, the Fire House ceiling damage was repaired. Kathi asked if anyone wants to inspect the roof before final payment is made tomorrow. Joey said he has seen it and it looks good to him. Jon said he will look at the roof either after this meeting or in the morning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob learned that there is insufficient water flow for the new school's Fire sprinkler system which requires 400 gallons per minute. The system would suck LPWD system dry and contaminate it if fully activated. Tomorrow at 2:30 is a meeting with the engineers via zoom. Rob plans on viewing in. We will see what happens.

Rob discussed setting up town emails for Selectmen Jon and Craig.

Kathi asked if the Selectmen were interested in doing a fuel oil prepay with No Frills Oil for winter for the Fire house and Community Building; today's price is \$3.45/gal. Kathi would have the prepaid gallons based on the average gallons used last year. She also reported that there the order has been requested with No Frills Oil to have the excess oil transferred from the Town Office tank to the Fire House tank, as the Community Building's tank is full. Rob made a motion to go with the No Frills Oil prepay, seconded by Craig, unanimous vote, motion passed. Discussion. 3 vote yes, 0 votes no.

Kathi asked the Selectmen if they want to run a liner ad in the Ellsworth American's special pages as last year; \$31 for Thank A Police Officer in September and \$31 for Salute To Veterans in November. Jon made a motion to run the 2 liner ads in the Ellsworth American for \$31 each, Rob seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Kathi reported there is water damage inside the Community Building. The wall is rippled in the basement stairway under the window, where the water pooled outside next to the building from having no gutters there. Joey said that work needs to be done on the back outside wall; clapboards are gone and only tarred paper remains. Rob said the clapboards were removed for electric work and he dropped the ball on getting a contractor back. The plan is to put two 1' x 3' awning windows centered and a door entering 1' off the corner of the wall. The Selectmen asked if we can get Corcoran Contracting to take care of these items

since they are still on site. Kathi said she will talk with Matt and see if they can do these repairs.

Ann Hoffner reported there is a problem with the lobster trucks speeding again; there is a concern for walkers and bikers. Last year Joey spoke w/managers of the pound, can he do this again? Jon said he will place the radar sign on Pond Street next and do an in-depth traffic study of that area. Tabled until traffic data is available. Joey will remind the manager at the lobster pound.

Jon has received a request from a resident that the Selectmen talk about the possibility of putting up SHARE THE ROAD signs (car and bicycle) 1 on East Side Road and 1 on West Shore Road within ½ mile coming into town. Discussion. Joey will find out from the DOT if the Town can put signs up on 185/East Side Road. Tabled until info from State is received.

Joey had a complaint from a West Shore Resident that they want centerlines painted, and possibly white lines too. Is it wide enough to have double lanes? Joey will check out what the regulatory width of the road and spacing are for white lines. Tabled until info from State is received.

Jon asked the Selection to go into Executive Session as he has several items to discuss.

At 8:10 Jon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 7/18/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk