

## **01/19/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Kathi Moore, Daniel Dougherty, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Diana Gazis, John Singer and Michael Gurtler. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

**UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION:** In the search for a replacement CEO/LPI, Rob contacted all of the area towns. He spoke with Bar Harbor's CEO and she recommended her Deputy CEO, Michael Gurtler. Michael was in attendance and spoke briefly about himself and his experience. He has been Bar Harbor's Deputy CEO for over a year and prior to that was a home & commercial property inspector. He currently does all field inspections for the Town of Bar Harbor; plumbing, electrical, construction, vacation and short-term rentals, and manages the Short-Term Rental Program. He is certified by the State for all of the above plus shore land and septic inspections. Rob asked Jon if he had any questions for Michael, there were none. Rob made a motion to appoint Michael for the position of CEO/LPI for one year, seconded by Jon, motion approved. Michael will speak with Don Baker and Kathi regarding his transition to the position.

**MINUTES:** Rob read the 1/05/2022 minutes and made a motion to approve them, seconded by Jon, motion approved.

**UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS:** Jon has a call in to the DOT and is waiting for a call back.

**UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE FURNACE:** Jon emailed Rob, Craig & Kathi with Steve Flaherty's contact info. Rob asked Jon to contact him as far as what we should do about maintaining the boiler seal but not overheating.

**UPDATE ON GUYETTE'S JUNKYARD PERMIT RENEWAL:** The public hearing will be via Zoom at 7:00 pm February 2, before the Selectmen Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion about the proposed height of the new town pier and if it needs to be raised to accommodate king tides. It was agreed that if there is something that is reasonable for us to do that's not too expensive then this is a

good time to do it but we need to make the best decisions with the money we have going forward. The goal is the middle pier stays at the current height, as part of putting in the new aluminum pier raise the parking lot side to be level with the middle pier. And then at a future date when the ramp is replaced hopefully raise the outside pier to also be level with the middle. Rob will approach Henri about the whole issue and go from there.

#### AMERICAN AQUAFARMS APPLICATION:

Rob reported that the State went back to Ransom Consulting and they are asking for more details as far as the effluent and aggregate to estimate what the final concentration will be.

Jon said that he was contacted by Roy Gott to see if Sorrento has any interest in establishing a broadband committee to help work with other area towns to possibly entice broadband providers to look up upgrading broadband in the area. After a discussion it was determined there is no interest as Sorrento's broadband is already good.

At 7:58 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon.

Respectfully submitted on 1/25/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk