

## 04/20/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chairman Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Selectman Craig Clement, Town Clerk/Treasurer Kathi Moore, Fire Chief Joey Clark, Tom Bailey, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Darla Crocker, Ann Hoffner, Amanda Mickel, Ted Pruess and Trina Wellman. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

MINUTES: Craig read the 3/16/2022 minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

UPDATE ON AQUACULTURE MORATORIUM: Rob spoke with Crystal last week. Her efforts to speak to all coastal towns in Maine and encourage them to pass a moratorium is the beginning of an effort to show the State government that there is a real need to change business as usual. They will be coming up with scientific recommendations for more control over aquaculture as far as how it will affect the environment. We will have this summer to work on a plan for the Town.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING BOILER: Jon reported that he has reached out to Steve a couple of times but doesn't seem really motivated to get us the estimates. Jon will reach out to him again.

UPDATE ON PIER DESIGN: There was a discussion about how to best cover 4'x2' section openings; it is looking like gray lobster mesh is the best solution for now.

Rob has been trying to reach Atwater Concrete, unsuccessfully. Because of the time constraints, Jon has contacted another concrete contractor Mike Coulombe. He provided a quote of \$7,000 to raise the height of the pier head 15" with a 6" step to accept the new pier and leave it 6" inside of the granite, with a ramp back to parking lot at ADA specs which is ¼" rise per foot. He does not do excavation. Craig called M.L. Vance and Jon met with Maynard Vance at the site. Mike put blue markings on the tar that define the edge of where to excavate, waiting for estimate from Maynard. Rob made motion to approve the \$7,000 quote from Mike Coulombe and hope for a reasonable estimate from M.L. Vance for excavation, Jon seconded, unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON FRENCHMAN BAY MONITORING PROJECT GRANT: Rob reported that on May 5 he is attending a Zoom meeting when grant applications will be evaluated.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING PROPANE GAS DETECTOR: Kathi reported that the propane gas detector was installed on Tuesday. It could not be hooked into the alarm system since the key to the alarm room could not be identified. Since the key has been found, Seacoast Security is scheduled for April 28 to come back to finish hooking it up. She also confirmed with Seacoast Security that back in 2014 they installed a low temp sensor in the Fire House, located next to the patch board and is set to a temperature of 45 degrees. The same day a unit was also installed at the Town Office.

UPDATE ON RADAR SIGN: Jon reported we can return the radar sign to the vendor for a refund. We have no box and no packaging material. Restocking and re-boxing fees apply for a cost of \$200-\$300 tops. We can't return the battery if we ship it. The battery should work in our old radar sign. The salesman will be in the area and contact will be made with him to schedule pickup.

UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT: Jon will reach out to Lou regarding the status of the mooring.

UPDATE ON OIL USAGE: There was a discussion about how the Town Office fared over the winter with just the 2 heat pumps for heat. Rob made a motion to install a duct fan in the clerk's office, to take in air from 2 ducts that are in the floor where they exit with a long vent right above the heat pump; that will destratisfy the room and make it much more comfortable. Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed. It was decided not to replace the oil furnace. The Selectmen want to go ahead and have No Frills Oil transfer the oil from the Town Office's tank to the Community Building's tank.

UPDATE ON GAME CAMS: Rob will get the game cameras to Joey for installation near the Salt/Sand shed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Kathi asked if the Town Office will be closed on June 19. It is Juneteenth, a new Federal holiday but some town offices are not observing it and will be open. Rob said the Town Office will be closed for that Federal Holiday.

Kathi said she is having issues with QuickBooks and she needs to be added as the new Primary Administrator. She has submitted the paperwork to Intuit but now they are asking for currently dated "board of trustee" meeting minutes showing the chairperson by name along with who the newly designated Primary Administrator should be. Rob made a motion to add Kathi Moore as the new Primary Administrator of the Town of Sorrento's QuickBooks program, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Jon read the following statement:

As some of you may know, I recently resigned from the Sorrento Fire Department, where I held the position of Captain and spent 20 years of accumulative time serving as a volunteer firefighter in our local communities. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside the great men and women who selflessly give their time to our community. I want everybody to know that I remain committed to make the Town and Fire Department the best that I can as a Selectman. Rob thanked Jon.

Joey asked Rob for authorization to speak with the Town's attorney. Rob made a motion to authorize Joey the use of Dan Pileggi of Acadia Law who represents the Town, unanimous vote. (there was no second to the motion).

Joey reported that a culvert on Oak & Ocean needs to be replaced; it has risen up over the winter and is bent on one end. And there is a severe water problem on Waukeag where the water was flowing over the road down to Mt. Desert St. Joey is having an excavator clean the sand out of the catch basin.

Jon asked to go into Executive Session following this meeting.

Tom Bailey offered his appreciation to Jon for his service with the Fire Department and is sorry to see him go. Also, there were a number of places on Ocean Ave

where the water was not flowing through the culverts properly. Rob asked Joey if he can contact the vendor to vacuum out culverts.

At 7:47 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 5/03/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk