

8/24/2022 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes

Attending via Zoom were Select Board Chairman Rob Wilpan, Selectman Jon Mickel, Lou Sutherland, John Harris and Crystal Canney

There was a discussion between the Selectmen and John Harris of Harris Downeast Disposal to negotiate a trash hauling contract. Representing the Town, Rob offered him a 5-year contract starting at \$25,176.34 and ending at \$32,132.10 plus fuel surcharge. Harris said his contract is horribly undervalued. His truck is \$150 per hour at 5.5 hours x 52 weeks for a total of \$42,900. His counter offer is a 3-year contract at \$30,000 for year 1; \$32,600 for year 2; \$35,200 year for 3, plus the same fuel surcharge as the previous contract. Jon made a motion to accept the 3-year contract as outlined by Harris, Rob seconded with further discussion. Rob wanted to simplify the fuel surcharge and there was a discussion on how to do so. Rob said the motion is on the floor to accept Harris' preliminary offer of a 3-year contract of \$30,000 for 2022-23; \$32,600 for 2023-24; and \$35,200 for 2024-25 with actual fuel cost reimbursed above \$3.25 per gallon per month. A vote was taken and all Selectmen were in favor, motion passed. Rob said the contract will be at the Annual Meeting, if approved by the Town it will be signed and that will be the start date.

There was a guest speaker, Crystal Canney from Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation who discussed municipalities issuing moratoriums on aquaculture leases. Rob made a motion to approve the Town of Sorrento aquaculture moratorium, to be presented at a remote hearing prior to and to be voted on during our annual Town meeting on September 24, 2022, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Rob made a motion to adjourn at 8:18, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 9/07/2022 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk