

## **12/15/2021 Sorrento Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Daniel Dougherty, Susan Clancy-Dougherty, Diana Gazis, Tom Bailey & Lynn Stone. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

Minutes: The 12/01/2021 meeting minutes were read by Jon. After some amendments, Rob made a motion to approve the minutes amended, seconded by Jon, motion approved.

UPDATE ON HARRIS DISPOSAL CONTRACT: Rob looked into the budget and determined there is \$9,000 available in that account so the Town can offer Harris \$3000 now, which equals the \$1,000 per year raise. The balance can be used as a cushion to apply to next years' budget. Trash sticker revenue was \$12,000. Bulk trash pickup was \$12,000 so that is a wash. Jon said the cost trash stickers should be increased. Jon made a motion to increase the amount paid to Harris Disposal this year by \$3,000, seconded by Rob, motion passed. This amount is to be paid to Harris in one lump sum.

UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE ROOF: The 3 metal roofing quotes were reviewed. Corcoran Contracting, who was the lowest bid, submitted some more detail on the roofing material. It is 29 gauge solid continuous panels and comes with a 40 year warranty from Mid Maine Metal in Newport. There was a discussion on the type of fasteners, the metal gauge and if underlayment was necessary. Matt Corcoran was messaged and invited to join the meeting via Zoom. He answered everyone's question and left the meeting. After more discussion Jon made a motion to accept Corcoran's quote as written, seconded by Rob, motion passed.

UPDATE ON STREET SIGNS: Jon has put the radar sign up the winter. He still wants to pursue the possibility of having a 4-way stop sign installed at the intersection of Doane's Pt Rd/Sorrento Ave/Waukeag Ave/Kearsarge Ave. Joey is to email Jon with the DOT contact info.

UPDATE ON PIER REPLACEMENT CONTRACT: Rob received the contract from Custom Float Services; the total cost is \$74,430. The terms are \$25,000 deposit, \$25,000 due upon completion of components and the balance due upon delivery

& installation of components. Rob made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Craig, Jon abstained from the vote.

UPDATE ON FIREHOUSE FURNACE: Joey called ABM for service. They found a dirty filter and sludge in the fuel tank. Joey told them that they just “cleaned & serviced” the furnace on November 30. They admitted the filter was not changed. It was agreed that it is time to look into finding a new service tech. Jon suggested Steve Flaherty/Flaherty Mechanical Services. Jon is to contact him.

UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION: Rob said he spoke with Don Baker. He may reconsider if upcoming medical procedures help his back issue. One option is to hire someone not C.E.O. certified as they have 12 months to obtain certification; all classes are online and offer a bonus of \$500 per test passed. The Plumbing Inspector hired must be already licensed. Rob will ask Don to stay on as an advisor only. Rob will work on a help wanted ad for the Ellsworth American and Sorrento Newsletter.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Joey said he has received multiple complaints about speeders on Treasure Island Road, especially speeding around the corner by Helen Whalen’s house. Since it’s a residential private road with no posted speed limit, the limit is automatically 25 mph. Jon said he will include the road in his traffic study and asked Joey to keep him updated on the complaints.

Rob said he has been studying the American Aquafarms salmon pen proposal and finds the water in Frenchman Bay is more vulnerable than one thinks. He will be writing letters to DEP and other agencies in Augusta and asked the Board for their support. Jon & Craig agreed.

The Selectmen received a quote of \$2983.00 from Corcoran Contracting to have the railings & trim of the Town Office’s front porch repaired. Rob made a motion to have the repair work done, seconded by Craig. Jon made a motion to accept Corcoran’s quote, seconded by Rob.

The Selectmen have received several quotes to have the interior of the Town Office painted. The walls & trim have never been painted, only primed. However the quotes have been well over \$10,000. Susan Clancy-Dougherty said she hired

Steven Shufelt to paint her offices, he charges only \$20/hour, does a great job and lives in Sorrento. After discussion, Rob made a motion to hire Steven at an hourly rate to paint the interior of the Town Office between December 24 and January 2, when the office is closed, seconded by Jon.

Rob noted Disbursement Warrant 12 needs to be signed by the Selectmen.

At 8:56 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon.

Respectfully submitted on 12/22/2021 by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk