Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021

5:00 PM

Attendance: Selectmen: Ray Daley, Rusty Gordon and Roger Wakefield

Town Manager: Stacy M.G. Tozier, Town Clerk: Deana E. Workman

Audience: Eight (8)

Obie Buell, Don Snoke, Ben Gilley, Mike Pinkham II, Ryan Daley, Barbara Raymond, Mike Pinkham, Rebecca Alley with *The Ellsworth American*

Rusty Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of December 14th minutes:

The minutes were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

R. Gordon made motion to accept and sign the minutes as written; 2nd by R. Wakefield. Passed 3/0

Treasurer's Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen

Agenda Adjustments:

Roger wanted to make adjustment to hear Report – Broadband Committee with Don Snoke:

Don has meeting via zoom so to hear his report so that he may leave to get to other meeting.

Reports:

Broadband Committee: Don Snoke gave report of Trump in December 2020 approve $7 billion for K-12 broadband / internet. Grants not applicable.

See attached report BDN #1

Spacex – Don meet with representative tonight via zoom (1/11/2021). Repeater ray, test station, real game changer for isolated areas ie. Andrea St. George Jones (Sullivan Representative for RSU#24)

Starlink – See attached #2 – Proposed site at Sullivan Sorrento Recreation Center.

Personnel Policy Change: Page 8, 15.) Performance Review added

R. Wakefield made motion to accept addition to the Personnel Policy; 2nd by R. Gordon. Passed 3/0

Old Business:

Site Plan Review Ordinance:

Roger had "draft" of the Site Plan Review Ordinance for Ray and Rusty to look over. Roger and Stacy to meet again with Rebecca, Code Enforcement Officer with any amendments.

Obadiah Buell re: Old Dump Property:

See attached sketch. Rusty mentioned boundary lines need to be established. Rusty asked if Obie could mark the trees he wanted to cut and call Stacy when done.

Action: Selectman go look at marked trees.

Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Stacy hasn't heard from Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC). Their contract goes to March. Roger wanted to reach out to Jared with Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC). Two (2) members needed by end of March.

Action: Committee Members February 2021.

Planning Board Committee:

See attached Notice

Business Practice Procedures – tabled from December meeting:

Action: Table February meeting.

Town Web Site Updates:

Stacy sent email to Jean at Downeast Host to meet with her. Candy Eaton, Website Administrator, takes care of website. Stacy to facilitate with Candy and Jean.

New Business

Property at 135 Tunk Lake Road – Assessment Error:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved but need formal letter to sign.

R. Wakefield made motion to approve; 2nd by R. Gordon. Passed 3/0

Property at 1751 US Highway 1 – Abatement Request:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and denied the request but need formal letter to sign.

R. Wakefield made motion to deny abatement; 2nd by R. Gordon. Passed 3/0

Reports

Age Friendly Committee:

Candy Eaton was not in attendance at the meeting – see attached report.

Harbor Committee:

Mike Pinkham stated that survey still not completed. Kevin Barbee to clean trees when done there.

Mike will talk with Mike Briggs at the next Harbor Committee meeting about Gordon Wharf and moving products.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Rebecca Albright was not in attendance at the meeting - see attached report.

Town Manager:

Stacy has been very busy recruiting committees members, organize meetings and public hearings.

Resident asked to make monthly payments but owes for 2 or more years.

Action – Resident to pay all past due before set up payment arrangement for 2020 taxes.

Sullivan Fire and Rescue:

Ben Gilley: There are two (2) trucks that need to be replaced.

1991 Tanker - approximate cost $305,000.00 & 2001 Rescue - approximate cost $300,000.00

1.) Clarify Hastings House Loan

2.) Special meeting between Board of Selectmen & Fire Department – re: Truck

Board of Selectmen meet with Rebecca – building application and building ordinance.

Cemetery Committee:

Nobody was in attendance at the meeting – No report given at the meeting.

To Do List:

See attached To-Do List with Actions/Deadlines.

Public Comment:

Discussion was held regarding the length of time of meetings (too long) and no need to rehash certain issues over and over again.

Rebecca Alley – *The Ellsworth American*: Asked if Abatement Request will have any to do with Abatement case already in court? Selectmen answered "no".

Selectboard Comment:

None

Executive Session – MRSA §405(6)(A)(1):

R. Gordon made motion to enter Executive Session at 6:52 PM pursuant to MRSA §405(6)(A)(1) Personnel; 2nd by R. Daley. Passed 3/0

R. Gordon made motion to exit Executive Session at 7:29 PM; 2nd by R. Wakefield. Passed 3/0

R. Wakefield made motion to have Stacy M. G. Tozier as the Town Manager go from probational status to permanent status; 2nd by R. Gordon. Passed 3/0

Adjournment:

R. Gordon made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM; 2nd by R. Daley. Passed 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Deana E. Workman, Town Clerk and Acting Secretary

Attached: Agenda, Bangor Daily News (Broadband Committee Handout #1), Request for Quote (RFQ) – Starlink Gateway Site (Broadband Committee Handout #2), Town of Sullivan Employee Personnel Policy, "Draft" Town of Sullivan Site Plan Review Ordinance, To Board of Selectmen From Obadiah Buell dated 01/01/21 re: Agreement to Cut Trees at Old Dump Property, Agenda – Planning Board Meeting, January 14, 2021, 5:00 PM, Assessment Error re: Acct#542, 135 Tunk Lake Road, Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, 1751 US Highway 1, Letter of Denial from Board of Selectmen re: 1751 US Highway 1, Age-Friendly Sullivan Committee Report 1.11.21, CEO Monthly Report dated 1/2/2021, TRIO Reports – Expense Summary Report, General Ledger Summary Report and Revenue Summary Report, To-Do List Actions for FY21 1/11/2021.

Minutes of January 11, 2021 and Approval of February 8, 20201

Raymond H. Daley, Jr.

Russell O. Gordon

Roger E. Wakefield