

Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

July 12, 2021

5:00 PM

Attendance: Selectmen: Rusty Gordon, Roger Wakefield and newly elected Michael Pinkham

Town Manager: Stacy M.G. Tozier

Deputy Town Clerk: Lynn A. Dunbar

Audience: Ryan Daley, Michael Pinkham II, Candy Eaton, Donald Snoke, Janet Jordan, Ander Thibault, Gerald Erbes and Larry Tozier.

Call to Order

Rusty Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM

Rusty Gordon made a motion to appoint Michael Pinkham as chairman, seconded by Michael Pinkham. Passed 3/0.

Approval of June 14th minutes:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the June 14th minutes.

Roger Wakefield made motion to accept and sign minutes as written; 2nd by Rusty Gordon, Michael Pinkham abstained. Passed 2/0

Approval of the June 17th Public Hearing Minutes & Review of the annual town meeting warrant:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the June 17th Public Hearing minutes and minutes from the review of the annual town meeting warrant.

Roger Wakefield made a motion to accept and sign minutes as written; 2nd by Rusty Gordon, Michael Pinkham abstained. Passed 2/0.

Treasurer's Warrant

The selectmen reviewed the warrant.

Roger Wakefield made a motion to accept and sign the warrant, 2nd by Rusty Gordon. Passed 3/0

Agenda Adjustments:

Road Commissioner added under New Business.

Old Business:

Business Practices Procedures – tabled from June meeting.

Tabled again to a future meeting.

Review Treasurer Reports:

Roger suggested that we contact Amy Dunn to go over our year end reports and make the necessary adjustments need and to also enter into the budget voted at the annual town meeting. He also suggested that we write off the old personal property taxes that have been carried on the books for years.

Taunton Drive Weight Limit

It was noted that Sullivan already has a weight limit ordinance. Changing the weight limit would be addressed as a modification to the existing ordinance. Candy Eaton offered to work on the modifications with the selectmen or a group. Modifications are also needed to the marijuana, junkyard and noise ordinances as well this year.

Gerald Erbes submitted emails/info regarding marijuana laws prior to leaving the meeting. He would like to assist as well with modifications of the marijuana and weight limit ordinances.

New Business

RSU 24 Lease:

A letter from Superintendent Michael Eastman was reviewed by the Selectmen. A proposed lease for the space used by Adult Ed has been sent to the RSU24 to review. In his letter he stated that they would be happy to sign a one-year lease for the sum of \$1420 per month as the budget for this upcoming year has already been approved. Janet Jordan, Facilities & Operations Manager and Ander Thibault, Adult Ed Director was present to answer any questions and to extend an invitation to the Selectmen to attend upcoming transportation/facilities meetings to work out future leases for the space.

Roger Wakefield made a motion to enter into the one-year lease, 2nd by Michael Pinkham. Passed 3/0

Board of Selectmen Packets

Michael Pinkham suggested for future meetings that the agenda, treasurer's warrant, Trio reports etc. be ready by the Thursday before the monthly meeting and emailed to the Selectmen so that they could be reviewed and if there were any questions they could be answered prior to the meeting. This would help to expedite the meetings and the audience would not have to sit and wait for the board to review these items. Roger did not agree. He feels that time needs to be spent on monthly reports and fine-tuning Trio accounts and putting added burdens on the women in the office.

Tabled.

Road Commissioner

Michael Pinkham II recommended that a road commissioner/E911 addressing officer should be hired (selectmen are the road commissioners). He doesn't feel that the board has the time. He went around town up and down each road and listed roads that are missing Stop Signs, Street Signs, Speed Limit signs, and roads that need to be cut back, ditched or paved. He submitted a list to the Selectmen. Roger stated that all these things should be prioritized, and a job description be written.

Roger made motion that Stacy write a job description for a road commissioner/E911 addressing officer. Rusty 2nd. Passed 3/0

Reports

Age Friendly Committee:

Candy Eaton reported that Sullivan was getting a lot of positive publicity. Radio Station Star 97.7 has recently interviewed Candy about the walking trail and Donald Snoko about bringing broadband internet service to unserved residents of Sullivan.

Thursday, July 15th, forty-four volunteers from a Congregational Church in Monroe, CT will be coming to the town office to assist with cleaning, labeling, filling, and distributing the sand/salt buckets to the elderly who have signed up for the 2021-2022 winter season. Morning snacks will be provided in the morning and a pizza party at lunch time. Fox News will be on hand to do a newsclip.

A \$2,700 grant for the community garden has been received.

Bone Builders will once again be meeting here at the town office.

Candy has been asked to speak at the AARP National Conference via ZOOM.

On July 28th, AARP will be presenting Age-Friendly Sullivan with a grant.

A need for a parks and recreation committee was discussed. Suggested that a notice be put the Town Crier for some volunteers to serve on that committee.

Don also expressed a need for volunteers to sit on the Board of Directors for the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center Board.

Broadband Committee:

Don updated the board and his progress with broadband internet, stating that there are seven unserved roads unable to receive internet service through Spectrum. Covid grant money may become available soon to address this issue.

Harbor Committee:

Flanders Bay boat landing is needing some rip rap. Kevin Barbee has been asked for an estimate to do that to prevent erosion due to high winds and heavy rains.

Concerns have been expressed about crab shells being dumped at Gordon's Wharf, when the tide is out, the flats are covered with the shells, this will eventually cause a buildup.

Code Enforcement Officer:

No report submitted.

Town Manager – including concerns and questions of residents:

Liquor License Renewal for Tracey's Seafood

Site Plan Ordinance approved at the annual town meeting was signed by Roger Wakefield and Rusty Gordon as well as the Building Ordinance, E911 Ordinance and Sign Ordinance as amended and approved at the annual town meeting.

LRAP funding signed.

Violations at 72 Bert Gray Road update; application for a variance denied by the Sullivan Appeals Board. The attorney needs additional information from the CEO to impose fines for lack of inspections before and after the septic was installed, hook-up plumbing fees were not applied for and no occupancy permit was issued.

Sullivan Fire and Rescue:

Michael Pinkham II reported that Tanker 1 is out of service, transmission fluid is not showing on the dip stick. We don't have a tanker in town at this time and it is needed for IOS rating. The Selectmen asked him to come back to the next meeting with some recommendations, options and estimates.

It was also pointed out that Sullivan should be looking into a ladder truck with the new high school being built. Sorrento has a ladder truck, but it is not big enough should there be a fire. None of the other RSU 24 municipalities have a ladder truck.

Cemetery Committee:

No report submitted.

Roger talked with Gary Edwards, Chairman of the committee about the reserve accounts that we have for the cemeteries and gave him a copy to review.

Stacy reported, from an email received, that the ATV's are riding in Gordon Cemetery, unsupervised, without helmets, mostly on the paths, however a few lots that are soft show that the ATV's had traveled over them.

To Do List:

Ordinances.

Public Comment:

Don Snoke updated the board on the generator purchase for the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center. A generator has been purchased, Donnie Lee will be installing it at a later date. There is concern about the generator being stolen prior to installation. Michael Pinkham offered to take his tractor up and move it into the fire station if there is room. The Board of Directors for the Recreation Center held their annual meeting, no new members. Position changes, Cindy Stanley is now the Treasurer, Andrea St. George Jones is now the Secretary, Helen Gordon remains President. Much is still needed at the Center, things to be addressed in the future; roof, windows, 1930 wiring, air conditioning, and a security system. Bingo is on again and doing well, the thrift store is booming.

Michael Pinkham II asked that the second amendment be discussed at next month's meeting.

Selectboard Comment:

No comments.

Roger Wakefield made a motion to go to executive session under MRSA Subsection 405(6)(A) Personnel. Michael Pinkham 2nd. Passed 3/0.

Regular session adjourned prior to executive session at 6:55 PM.

Adjournment:

Michael Pinkham made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 PM; 2nd by Rusty Gordon. Passed 3/0

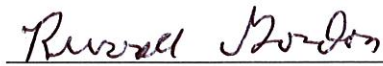
Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dunbar, Deputy Town Clerk and Acting Secretary

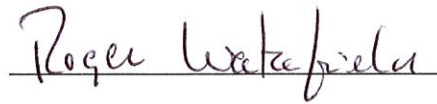
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Michael A. Pinkham



Russell O. Gordon



Roger E. Wakefield