Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

August 16, 2021

6:00 PM

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

Town Manager: Stacy M.G. Tozier

Town Clerk: Jessica Parker

Audience: Sharon Baron, Michael Pinkham II, Ben Gilley, Jeremy Ogden, Donald Snoke, and Rebecca Alley from the Ellsworth American.

Call to Order

Michael Pinkham called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Approval of July 12th minutes:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the July 12th minutes.

Roger Wakefield made motion to accept and sign minutes as with two corrections: Page 1 Roger’s name was not complete and Page 3 to “women in the office”, 2nd by Rusty Gordon. Passed 3/0

Action: Road Commissioner job description

Action: Parks and Recreation Committee using Town Crier, Town of Sullivan website and/or Facebook page to advertise.

Treasurer’s Warrant

There was no warrant.

Agenda Adjustments:

Fish Farm

Sumner Park

Old Business:

Business Practices Procedures – tabled from July meeting.

Tabled again to a future meeting.

Review Treasurer Reports:

No Treasurer Reports submitted.

New Ordinances

New ordinances will wait until after Labor Day.
**New Business**

**Wild animal concern – Sharon Baron**

Sharon discussed having problems with wild animals. It was suggested for her to keep the weeds and grass mowed along with better lighting, and as a last resort, to contact a Pest Management Company.

**Plowing and local road maintenance**

Michael Pinkham II discussed the need for the Fire Stations and the Town Office to be plowed first thing and early. He also noted that the pathways and the front steps of the Town Office need to be cleared as well. Ben Gilley stated that the Town Office and Fire Stations were the last to be plowed and that could delay the response time to emergencies. The owner of the plowing company will be asked to attend the next Selectmen’s meeting.

**Action:** Rusty will ask the company owner to attend the next meeting.

**Action:** A list of what the Town expectations of what plowing needs to be completed.

**Sumner Park – Flag Pole**

Roger discussed the crooked condition of the Flag Pole at Sumner Park. He has spoken to a company and for $800 it can be fixed. Roger also suggested adding lighting later.

**Roger made motion to authorize up to $1,000 out of the Sumner Park Reserve Fund to fix the pole. Rusty 2nd. Passed 3/0**

**Fish Farm –**

Roger discussed taking action with a motion to send a letter to Angus King, Jared Golden, Janet Mills, Susan Collins and the Department of Marine Resources in opposition to the Fish Farm. Discussion was held that now is not the time (no application has been submitted yet) and revisiting this later.

**Michael made a motion to revisit sending a letter regarding the Fish Farm at a later time. Rusty 2nd. Passed 2-1**

**Reports**

**Age Friendly Committee:**

Don Smoke discussed Candy Eaton report that Movie night was successful however they are looking for another group to sponsor it.

The grant for the walking trail has a time limit. Due to the limit, Age-Friendly is considering shortening the walking trail and focus on the drainage issue, possibly putting in a culvert to drain the water away from the walking trail.

**Broadband Committee:**

Don stated that the $365,000 grant request from Spectrum was denied. Sullivan is not considered rural enough. He also discussed upload and download speeds.
Harbor Committee:

Michael Pinkham discussed hearing the pluses and minuses from people about the new Boat Landing construction (where it was put).

A sign has been ordered but the Town has not heard back yet.

Code Enforcement Officer:

No report submitted.

Town Manager – including concerns and questions of residents:

The Town is waiting to hear back from our Assessor, Mr. Gingras, regarding the Knowlton Abatement Appeal. Discussion was held regarding the need to have a re-evaluation done as soon as possible.

Action: To build a Reserve Account and attend the September 8th meeting at the County Commissioner’s in Ellsworth.

Sullivan Fire and Rescue:

Jeremy discussed Fire/EMS Rescue has transported 30 patients (this has at the least, doubled) and that most of them from Hancock and Franklin and have responded to 75-80% daytime calls. Roger asked Fire/EMS Rescue to develop a schedule for negotiations with Northern Light. Fire/EMS Rescue is applying for a Stephen King Grant to purchase a rescue boat. There will be firefighting training at the Hastings house the weekend of the 9th of October.

Cemetery Committee:

No report submitted.

Action: Get a list of Reserves and CD amounts.

To Do List:

Lynn Dunbar has been given two months of medical leave. Due to her absence Roger suggested bringing in office help.

Roger Wakefield made a motion to allow Stacy Tozier to get some extra office help from a Temp Agency. Rusty 2nd. Michael Pinkham suggested tabling the motion to look into if someone in Gouldsboro might be able to help.

Tabled.

Public Comment:

Don stated the Rec Center are planning on replacing old wiring, move propane tank, installing security system and new heat pumps (for heat and cooling).

Selectboard Comment:

No comments.
Adjournment:
Michael Pinkham made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 PM; 2nd by Rusty Gordon. Passed 3/0

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Parker, Town Clerk and Acting Secretary

Minutes of August 16, 2021 - Approval on September 13, 2021

Michael A. Pinkham
Russell O. Gordon
Roger E. Wakefield