Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

July 11th, 2022

5:00pm

Selectmen: Mike Pinkham, Bethany Leavitt, Bud Means

Town Manager: Stacy Tozier, Town Clerk: Jessica Parker

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Larry Tozier, Don Snoke, Candy Eaton, Mary Lou Barker, Bob Phillips, and Malachy Flynn from the Ellsworth American

Call to Order

Mike Pinkham called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Approval of the June 13th minutes

B. Leavitt made a motion to accept the minutes noting the following edits.

Her statement on Juneteenth also included part-time employees who would not receive Holiday pay and on the ARPA designation she was provided a list of all employees that worked during the time and requested a proposal from the Town Manager how to divide it between them.

M. Pinkham 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

Treasurer’s Warrant

B. Leavitt stated that one of the invoices in the warrant billed for sales tax and the town is tax exempt. B. Means stated that there is no sales tax on labor anyway.

Agenda Adjustments

B. Leavitt stated that the 5 person Selectboard should be listed under new business since it wasn’t discussed at the last meeting. M. Pinkham stated that all adjusts go through the Town Manager before any meeting begins.
Hastings House

M. Pinkham II stated that Jim Graves approved the Fire Department to use the Hastings house as a training burn. B. Leavitt stated that she had been in the house, and it didn’t seem fit to burn. She also suggested not demolishing it until the plan for the new building was complete. M. Pinkham made a motion to let the Fire Department use the Hasting’s House as a controlled burn for training purposes. B. Means 2nd motion passed 2/1.

Re-Valuation Update

The Town Manager stated that she spoke to KRT, and they have sent out drafts of the upcoming post card notifying the residents of their soon to come visits. She also stated that the server has been received and has been installed by Roy Gott. The Town Manager stated that we are on track for the deadline.

Budget

B. Leavitt requested the reserve account fund balance. The Town Manager stated that she spoke with the auditor, and they said that the audit for 2021 is almost complete. B. Leavitt made a motion to approve the FY2023 budget for 3,419,543 million dollars and that it is presented to voters at the annual town meeting. M. Pinkham 2nd motion passed 3/0.

ARPA Designation

The Board requested that the Town Manager create a proposal as how to split the remain funds amongst the employees.

New Business

Juneteenth

The board discussed Juneteenth again. M. Pinkham made a motion to recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. B. Leavitt 2nd motion passed 3/0.

5 Person Selectboard

This was tabled until the next Selectboard meeting.
Vote on Chairman

M. Pinkham made a motion to continue being the Chair. B. Means 2\(^{nd}\) motion passed 3/0.

B. Leavitt made a motion to nominate herself as Vice Chair. B Means 2\(^{nd}\) motion passed 3/0.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board discussed the warrant and B. Leavitt suggested that the item pertaining to the new Fire Department and Municipal offices be edited to say Municipal purposes, to be able to use the land before the new buildings are erected. B. Leavitt requested that the Town Manager reach out to Maine Municipal Association to see which health insurance plan that was presented they recommend.

B. Leavitt made a motion for warrant to be moved to Annual Town Meeting. B. Means 2\(^{nd}\). Motion passed 3/0.

Roads

The Selectboard discussed how to go about fixing the problems with the roads. B. Means suggested starting with ditching, B. Leavitt suggested the Selectboard go together for a car ride around town to find trouble areas.

Reports

Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that the auditor was attempting to repair the division of departments. The extra work has had an extra cost as well. She stated once the FY2021 audit was complete the cost should go back down.

She also shared that a resident had lapsed six years in property taxes. She shared a letter from the resident with the Selectboard. B. Leavitt requested that the Town Manager reached out to the resident to get more information.

The Town Manager also stated that the water test at the Town Office failed due to Coliform being found. She was instructed to shock it with bleach.
Age Friendly

Candy stated that there will be a movie played on the big screen at Sumner Park on July 22nd. She also stated that Age Friendly is working on having a sign erected at the new walking trail behind the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center. Candy also stated that in the fall Age Friendly will be holding their annual flu clinic.

Broadband Committee

Don stated that Spectrum start increasing their speeds from 200mm to 300mm and we should see the higher speeds by fall. He also stated that as the Rec center has been working on their cooling and warming centers, they will also be trying to become an emergency center including a communication center and a warming area. Don stated that he is undergoing making the Rec Center a Super Hot Spot with the best Internet in town.

Harbor Committee

Tabled until August 8th Selectboard meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer

The Town Manager stated that she has hired a new part time Code Enforcement Officer who will work part time every other Tuesday for 3-4 hours. Bob Phillips from the Appeals Board commented to say that a resident requested a project for a new building. The Appeals board told him that if he merged his other two buildings into one larger building then he could have permission to build again. However, the resident never connected the two buildings but did build again so now there are 3 buildings. The Town Manager stated that she would make sure that the new CEO would be aware of the situation.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Michael Pinkham II stated that the department has had a busy Spring, the Department has completed their yearly service and has made the following calls this month: 16 medical, 1 accident, 5 mutual aid, 10 fire along with 1 missing child that has been found. He also stated that the Department has been relying on mutual aide. Michael Pinkham II also stated that the committee for Sullivan Daze has been working together on collecting everything needed for a great time.
M. Pinkham made a motion to enter executive session at 7:42 B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0

M. Pinkham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 B. Leavitt 2nd. Motion passed 3/0

Minutes of July 11th, 2022 – Approval of Minutes on August 8th, 2022

Michael Pinkham

Bethany Leavitt

Bud Means