Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

September 12th, 2022

5:00pm

Selectmen: Mike Pinkham, Bethany Leavitt, Bud Means

Town Manager: Stacy Tozier, Town Clerk: Jessica Parker

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Cliff and Judy Albee, Willy Andrews, Don Snoke, Candy Eaton, Keith Hamill (left prior to the meeting).

## Call to Order

Mike Pinkham called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

## Approval of the August 8th minutes

B. Leavitt made a motion to accept the minutes with the following edits, moving the dollar sign under the New Business portion. B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

## Treasurer's Warrant

The Selectboard discussed the warrant. B. Leavitt made a motion to accept the warrant. B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

## New Business

### Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Bob Deforrest was scheduled to speak but had to cancel last minute however he had a chance to speak to Mike Pinkham who stated that Main Coast Heritage Trust is looking for Sullivan to Co-Purchase a piece of land near Long Cove. The Board decided to have Bob Deforrest speak at the next Selectboard meeting.

### 5 Person Selectboard

M. Pinkham stated that many municipalities found that having a 5 person Selectboard beneficial. B. Leavitt stated that the Board should consider meeting

twice a month, regardless of the number of persons serving on the Board. The Board decided it was something to consider.

## Re-Valuation Update

The Town Manager stated that KRT Appraisal has been visiting residencies for a month now however they are only working one week a month during the summer but starting in September they'll start working full time. She also stated that they seem to be completing one to one and a half maps per day.

## Roads

B. Leavitt stated that she had met with two contractors at Flander's Beach to discuss fixing the ramp. She received one bid and is still waiting for the other. The board discussed gathering a group of qualified contractors to be able to call upon during an emergency. B. Leavitt stated that she will create a qualifications proposal potentially including, crew size, ability to start and finish project, and bonding for the next Selectboard meeting.

## Permitting Personal Construction

Cliff and Judy Albee shared that they had been told by a previous member of the board to fix the culverts along their property and to bill the town. Once billed 2 months had gone by. In August they received a letter from the town stating the invoice will not be paid. The Albee's stated that the invoice sent originally was only a portion of the cost due to volunteering the remainder. M. Pinkham explained that the previous board member did not have the right to act alone in telling them to charge the town for the work done. He went on to say that by law the Selectboard works as a team and no motion was made to have the work done. The Albee's stated that they weren't aware of this and that it wasn't public knowledge. M. Pinkham stated that protocol says that The Town Manager should have been notified first and then she would alert the Board so they could decide as a whole.

B. Leavitt made a motion to make a payment of the original requested amount of 4,821.17 plus half of the original cost 4,840.00 for a sum of 9,661.17, which would cover their direct out of pocket costs (labor costs not equipment costs). M. Pinkham 2nd. The motion failed 1 /2.

M. Pinkham made a motion to make the original requested amount of $4,821.17. B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 2/1.

Mr. Albee stated that he didn't believe that was fair for having to wait as long as he has for payment and having to come to the Selectmen's meeting to beg to be paid.

M. Pinkham made a motion to donate the remainder of full bill to C.A. Construction for the work on Perry Drive in the amount of 7,689.80 dollars. B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0

## Reports

### Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that the Homeowners on Kelly Island on Flanders Pond are looking to park their vehicle at the beach on Flanders Pond. M. Pinkham stated there was limited parking there already. B. Leavitt asked how much property the town owned at the beach. M. Pinkham stated that he wasn't sure, but it was something they could find out. B. Leavitt suggested creating more parking spaces.

The Town Manager also stated that Marie Zwicker, the towns Animal Control Officer, has given her notice that she will no longer be working for the town. She mentioned there possibly being a seven-town wide Animal Control Officer. The Town Manager stated that she would read the proposal and have more information by then next Selectboard meeting.

The Town Manager also stated that she has been asked to put the definition of "Overlay" on the town website. She provided a definition that was viewed by the Selectboard. B. Leavitt stated that the definition given wasn't adequate and would provide one herself to the Town Manager.

The Town Manager also stated that MDI Porta Potties called to say that there was a mess around the porta potty at Flander's Beach. They went on to say they couldn't hall it away with all the trash. M. Pinkham stated that he would reach out to them to see what could be done.

## Age Friendly

Candy Eaton stated that Age Friendly partnered with the town to put out a special edition of the Town Crier for Tax Relief information. She also stated that it will go to 675 homes by bulk mail.

She also stated that Age Friendly has decided not to plow the new walking trail this winter. Instead, people can use it for snow shoeing and cross-country skiing.

## Harbor Committee

The Town Manager stated that a resident reached out to her requesting to be put on the Harbor Committee.

## Sullivan Fire and Rescue

Mike Pinkham II stated that the department has been called 17 times to assist with mutual aide calls. He also stated that the department is looking for a new pumper tanker truck through a lease to own option and he's in contact with a construction team to see if station 2 can be changed to hold a bigger truck.

Mike Pinkham II stated that the new Knox Boxes have been installed at both the new High School and at The Sullivan Sorrento Rec Center. He also stated that the 2022 Sullivan Daze was the best by profit ever and that for 2023 it will be the 30th anniversary of Sullivan Daze and that the Sullivan Daze Committee will get to work shortly after the Holidays. He also stated that he would like to see a Fire Department Auxiliary to be started and that it would be helpful during a fire.

## Public Comment

Don Snoke stated that there should be a decorum that should be met at all meetings and that people shouldn't be allowed to carry on and on. He also stated that the most recent budget has a lot of people confused as its grouped differently than it used to be and the people he has spoken to would like more detailed information. M. Pinkham stated that the Budget Committee is working on putting it back the way it used to be.

Mike Pinkham II requested that when the weight limit signs are ordered for Taunton Drive there's enough for each end of the road along with each side of the road.

B. Leavitt made a motion to have the Taunton Drive signs ordered. B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

B. Leavitt asked if the water test at the town office came back clean. The Town Manager stated that it had.

B. Leavitt stated that her dog Riley had been found and that the reward had been paid.

B. Leavitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 B. Means 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

Minutes of September 12th, 2022 – Approval of Minutes on ~~October 17th~~ November 21st, 2022.

Michael Pinkham

Bethany Leavitt

Reginald "Bud" Means