

Sullivan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

February 27th 2023

5:00pm

Selectmen: Mike Pinkham, Bethany Leavitt, Reginald “Bud” Means

Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle

Audience: Don Snokes, Ryan Daley, Lea Pinkham, Mike Pinkham II, Paula Ring, Velma Thomas, Keith Hamel, Roger and Betsy Whitaker, Phil Dunbar, Greg Ring, Derek Pinkham, Larry Tozier, Don Snoke, Candy Eaton and Mary Thomas.

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Michael Pinkham 1 at 5pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes

Due to the short time they had to read over the minutes the approval was tabled to the next meeting.

2nd the motion, and it passed

Agenda Adjustments

Several Items was addressed the first was the bid for the septic system for Harvey Thomas. There was only one bid from Jason Tracey for \$23,250.

Bethany Leavitt Moved to accept the bid as long as it was within the amount allotted and to notify the contractor with the approval of the bid. Michael Pinkham 1 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0

Michael Pinkham 1 presented the letter with the county taxes \$97,584.72 which is up \$4,976.52 from the previous year.

Michael Pinkham 1 also presented the renewal application for the 2023 Municipal Review Application for insurance for the Property and Casualty insurance.

Michael Pinkham 1 Presented the need to do the Biannual recycling report due in April of 2023.

Michael Pinkham 1 presented 2 conceal carry permits for approval. Both needed more information so was not signed at this time.

Michael Pinkham 1 Alewives Harvest Report needing to be filed by 4/15/2023 .

Bethany Leavitt moved to ask Lynn Dunbar to prepare the report. Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0.

Nomination Papers for selectboard can be picked up starting March 20, 2023 and needs to be turned in by Thursday April 27th, 2023. The Election will be held on the day of the Annual Town Meeting as there is no primary election this coming June.

Roger Wakefield’s Freedom of Information request Amy will be printing this off.

Treasurer’s Warrant

Michael Pinkham moved to accept the treasurers warrant as presented Bethany Leavitt 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0

Michael Pinkham 1 also presented 3 property abatements to be signed.

Bethany Leavitt moved to approve the abatement for the Knowlton property Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0 after some discussion Bethany amended her motion to approve the Langlois/Frederick and the Bossert properties for abatement. Michael Pinkham 1 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0.

New Business

Town Manager Search

Michael Pinkham 1 addressed the need to have a committee to do a search for a Town Manager, that the committee needs to assemble a package that could be presented to the potential candidate that had the salary, benefits and job description. Bethany Leavitt asked if it was possible to get an intern town manager from M.M.A., Bethany said she would reach out to M.M.A. to see if they could be of assistance.

There was some public discussion about the difference between a Town Manager and a Town Administrator. It was clarified the town had voted for a Town Manager and any changes would be up to the citizens of the Town not the Selectboard.

Old Business

Roads and E-911

Michael Pinkham 1 brought up the need to post the town roads for weight limits starting March 1st. Lynn has sent a notice to the Ellsworth American about the road closures and signs where to be posted by March 1st 2023.

Fire Truck

Michael Pinkham II checked with 2 other companies and Freightliner comes in at a difference of \$1008.86, and that he had checked 10 sites for used trucks and those that would be suitable for the department needs was either sold or sale was pending.

Chief Pinkham also noted that there is 6 requirements of a firetruck that is not on an average dump truck, one notably is a Stabil track system.

Committees

Age Friendly

Candy Eaton reported that she had a meeting with AARP Maine's President earlier in the day concerning a legislation proposal for infrastructure / sustainability funding for Age-Friendly Livable Communities. She is working with her colleagues in AFLC to build a proposal to present to the Governor and Legislature. She has submitted two grants for an AED at the Town Office. At least one of these will need letters of support. She also stated that the tentative date for the 5 year celebration for Age Friendly will be the last week of June and that the AARP President is interested in participating. The committee is meeting Wednesday to begin planning and preparations.

Harbor Committee: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Officer: Not Present at the meeting

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Chief Pinkham reported that there is a need to replace burner of the furnace at station 1 for around \$1000.00. Ryan Daley reported he had written a detailed information as to what is involved with being a volunteer fire fighter. Candy will be posting that information on the website and will be in the April Town Crier.

Cemetery: No Report

Parks and Rec:

Don Snokes reported there is a meeting on March 1st at 6pm and they will be meeting with Maine DOT at 5pm before the meeting at the Sumner Park to discuss the drainage and what could be done.

Public comment

Select Board Comment

Bethany Leavitt asked that a few more committees be added to the meeting for reports such as Budget Committee.

Reginald “Bud” Means stated that with spring approaching that the need to address the road concerns with a sustainable fix not a patch notably the issues with Tunk Lake Road and Tucker Mountain Road. Michael Pinkham II stated the Tucker Mountain Road was supposed to be worked on this week after the incoming storms.

Michael Pinkham I passed around an Newspaper Article about spending. Then Read aloud his Resignation as Selectboard Member and as Harbor Master effective Immediately.

Adjournment

Bethany Leavitt moved to adjourn the meeting Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 3/0. Meeting adjourned 6:43pm

Michael Pinkham

Bethany Leavitt

Reginald “Bud” Means