

Sullivan Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 13th 2023
5:00pm

Selectmen: Bethany Leavitt, Reginald “Bud” Means

Town Treasure: Amy Dunn, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Larry Tozier, Don Snoke, Gary Edwards, Keith Hamel, Velma Thomas, Paula Ring, Jeff Harden, Charles Hall, Patricia Leavitt, Norm Bamford, Greg Ring, Phil Dunbar, and Lorry Tozier.

Call to Order

Bethany Leavitt Called the Meeting to order at 5pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes

Bethany Leavitt moved to accept the minutes from the 2-27-2023 Meeting as written. Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 2/0.

Agenda Adjustments

Bethany added to the agenda transition period and moved it to position one on the agenda.

Treasurer’s Warrant

Reginald “Bud” Means moved to accept the treasure’s warrant as presented Bethany Leavitt 2nd the motion and it passed 2/0.

New Business

Transition Period

Bethany Leavitt wanted to let it be known that the Select board wanted to thank Michael Pinkham 1st for his service to the town as a Selectboard member and the Harbor Master.

Bethany Leavitt Moved that she would serve as Chairman of the Selectboard and Reginald “Bud” Leavitt become Vice Chairman of the Selectboard. Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 2/0.

Solid Waste Reports

Reginald “Bud” Means reported that we are not receiving the monies to cover the towns cost to have the demolition dumpster at the transfer station. Michael Pinkham 2nd noted that there is times the gate has been left open, and people could just go in and drop stuff off without stopping into the town office and prepaying. Discussion was held about placing a chain across so people couldn’t just drive up and drop stuff off if the gate was left open. Also, a game camera to help monitor who was dropping stuff into the dumpster on off hours. Some discussion was held about maybe doing away with the demo dumpster but most felt it was not a good option at this time.

2023 Property and Casualty Pool Renewal Application

Lynn is working on this she needs to add in any new property and any new playground equipment.

Biannual Recycling Report

Lynn and Reginald “Bud” Means are working on this and will have it ready next week.

Fire Truck Financing

Michael Pinkham 2nd reported that the bank needed to see a copy of the minutes from the Special Town Meeting to finish up the paper work for the line of credit. He also brought up the possibility of putting some of the firetruck reserve funds into a 6mo CD and the selectboard asked that he bring in the information from the bank for their consideration. Chief Pinkham also stated that he had shopped around at 10 different banks about the financing for the firetruck and most would not even consider because the Town doesn’t do business with them. He also looked at some used trucks and they didn’t have the right specification for consideration.

KRP Update

Reginald “Bud” Means reported that he had received an email stating they will be starting back up in April.

Marijuana Moratorium

General Discussion on the background about the moratorium and the lawsuit that Gerry Erbs has filed against the town.

Alewives Filing and Permit

Reginald “Bud” Means presented the Alewives Harvest Permit to be signed by the Selectboard Members. Permit was signed.

Clerk Training

A short discussion for about approving the training for the new Town Clerk.

Bethany Leavitt moved to approve the training Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 2/0.

Old Business

Roads and E-911

Reginald “Bud” Means brought up a request to have a permit to use Taunton Drive for heavy loads for chemicals to be brought into a Salmon Farm in Franklin.

Bethany Leavitt moved to deny the request as there was alternative route through Franklin to travel. Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd the motion and it passed 2/0.

Reginald “Bud” Means also brought up the work yet to be done on Tucker Mountain Road as its yet to be fixed and stated he would get in contact with the contractor. Also discussed was the need to do a more durable fix to the washout area on Tunk Lake Road. Bethany Leavitt asked about the Pre approval for road work that a notice needed to be put in the paper and put on the website.

Town Manager Search

Bethany discussed some research she had done on the MMA website and had a possibility for an interim manager. Bud stated one of the drawbacks was the salary the town was willing to pay for a manager it was not sufficient to entice any qualified candidate to apply. Bethany stated the position needed to be posted.

Reports

Age Friendly: No Report

Harbor Committee: No Report

Code Enforcement Officer: Michael Pinkham 2nd reported on the planning board meeting and the Versant Power Application for expansion, and the cisterns at the High School is expected to be done in June and that there appears they will need to do a 2nd cistern.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Chief Pinkham presented the break down for February of calls. He also stated that he and EMS Chief Daley was working on how they could bill for out of town calls, non-residential accidents and a surcharge if someone decides not to use the ambulance once called in. There are 2 opportunities for Federal monies to be used to build a new Fire station that Bethany Leavitt, Don Snokes and Gary Edwards are working on.

Parks and Rec No meeting this month due to snow storm.

Budget Committee

Gary Edwards stated that he and the Treasure need to sit down and start getting figures worked out.

Public comment:

None was brought forth.

Select Board Comment

Reginald “Bud” Means Thanks Michael Pinkham 1st for all the time he spent helping out the town as Selectman and Harbor Master.

Bethany Leavitt wanted to let the town know that she is not planning on taking out nomination papers for selectboard. It was noted that the nomination papers will be available March 20th 2023 and needed to be back by April 27th 2023 5pm. Bethany stated that she believed that at least 80 signatures were required to qualify as a candidate.

Selectboard adjourned to executive meeting at 6:40pm

Adjournment

Bethany Leavitt moved to adjourn Reginald “Bud” Means 2nd motion passed 2/0

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Bethany Leavitt

Reginald “Bud” Means