

**Sullivan Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5:00pm**

Selectmen: Bethany Leavitt, Reginald “Bud” Means

Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Don Snoke, Conrad Ober, Velma Thomas, Keith Hamel, Troy Hanna, Roger Wakefield, Gerry Erbes, Sheal Dedmon, Norm Bamford, Paula Ring, Patricia Leavitt, and two attendees unknown.

**Call to Order**

Bethany Leavitt called the meeting to order at 5p the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Bethany Leavitt moved to accept the Minutes from the 04-10-2023 meeting with adjustments Reginald “Bud” Means 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed 2/0

**Adjustments to the agenda**

No adjustments

**Treasurers Warrant**

Reginald “Bud” Means moved to accept The Treasures Warrant as presented Bethany Leavitt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Public Comment:**

Gerry Erbes asked if the Selectboard had read the rules and that he felt they could not sign for any loans. The Selectboard chair stated that the town at the special meeting authorized them to go ahead and obtain the loan for the fire truck. Erbes also asked why the town was not sending mailings out about special meetings. He also objected that they board had stated his Petition was objected when the Board chairman at the time stated that it had not been rejected.

**New Business:**

**Chair Opening Remarks**

Bethany had no opening remarks

**Liquor renewal applications**

Tabled till May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the need of the public hearing. Bethany Leavitt moved that the notice of the public hearing be posted in the Ellsworth American, and the other appropriate places to notify the public of the public hearing for the liquor license For May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p Reginald “Bud” Means 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed 2/0.

## **Select Board Meeting time**

Upon a tax payer request it was discussed about moving the meeting time to 5:30 or 6:00p and it was decided that the town had tried having the meetings start at 6 pm before and found that they number in attendance stayed around the same as the 5pm meeting start. So, the board agreed to keep the meeting times unchanged.

## **Sand/Salt Bid**

The Board discussed if they wanted to go with the ME DOT for salt/sand for the winter roads treatment. The board decided they would like to not use the ME/DOT and investigate going with other companies. Reginald “Bud” Means will get in touch with ME/DOT to let them know the town is opting out. Also was discussed the need to have some street sweeping as there was quite a bit of sand on the roads still and could cause a bit of a hazard for motorist.<sup>4</sup>

## **Draft SB Policies**

Discussed was the ongoing work of doing a purchasing policy and a vehicle use policy and both are being tabled till the next selectboard meeting.

## **Old Business:**

### **Critical Transition**

Executive Signer for Payroll, **Bethany Leavitt moved that Reginald “Bud” Means be the Executive signer for payroll until a Town Manager is hired Reginald “Bud” Means 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2/0.**

### **Milage Reimbursements**

Upon the recommendation of the Towns Treasure the **Selectboard Bethany Leavitt moved to increase the milage reimbursement for town employees to the federal rate at the time the milage occurred Reginald “Bud” Means 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2/0.**

### **Job Descriptions**

A general discussion of the openings available within the Town of Sullivan. The job openings were moved to the next meeting as new business.

Harbor Master / Committee Roger Wakefield discussed that there was a committee meeting held and they have started mapping out the Moorings and at this point they felt unless it was required by the state that a Harbor Master was not needed, and if the state did require a Harbor Master is required several of the Harbor committee members offered to serve as such.

### **Marijuana Ordinance**

Norman Bamford reported that the ordinance committee met on 4-20-2023 and asked that the name be changed from Marijuana Ordinance to Cannabis Ordinance and Reginald “Bud” Means noted that the draft of the ordinance has been updated with the change in title. A general discussion about the state regulations and town opting into the state regulations. The goal is to do a three-step approval for recreational, commercial, and growing commercially. To take to the voters of the town to have several public hearings on each vote and it is likely not to be done in time for this years Annual Town Meeting. A special Town Meeting will be scheduled when the committee is prepared. The next ordinance committee meeting for the Cannabis Ordinance will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 5p at the Town Office conference room.

## **Sullivan Fire Department (Options to combine with Sorrento)**

Chief Michael Pinkham 2<sup>nd</sup> reported that Sorrento didn't put the merger on the agenda for their meeting this past month. Sorrento has asked Chief Pinkham to write a proposal and Chief Pinkham state he was not quite ready to do that if the Town of Sorrento was not ready to consider the proposal. The Selectboard strongly encouraged Chief Pinkham to go ahead and write the proposal just bare bones as the details will be worked out in negotiations.

## **Schedule to Annual Town Meeting**

Nothing new discussed at this time.

## **Town Administration, Fire and EMS budgets**

A Budget Meeting was Discussed for Tuesday April 25, 2023 1pm

## **Select Board Candidate Papers and Forum**

Nomination Forms are due in No later than April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 5pm Norman Bamford, Becky Sutherland have turned in their papers for 3 yr. term. Conrad Ober has turned in his papers for a 1-year term.

There is 2 people out with papers for the 3 year that have not turned them in.

The Frenchman's Bay Library will be having a Candidate Forum on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Some discussion was had about the desire of having a couple more meet and greet of the candidates hopefully in May.

## **Roads/E911**

Reginald "Bud" Means reported that he had met with a couple of contractors about the culvert work on Upper Tunk Lake Road this road repair will be put out for bid. Taunton Bay Drive the need for ditching to help with the drainage issues was discussed A tree on the Morancy Road appears to be damaged by woodpeckers and needs to be removed as it is becoming a road hazard. **Bethany Leavitt moved to remove the tree as it is a road hazard and be treated as a n emergency concern, Reginald "Bud Means 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed 2/0.**

Gerry Erbes inquired about seeing to the wire being held up with a branch, at the end of Whitney way and Tunk Lake. Reginald "Bud" Means stated he would look into the issue.

## **Hastings House**

Chief Pinkham reported that there had been some vandalism at the Hasting house and that He and Selectman Means had secured it and put fire caution tape up. Discussion on the need to have the house demolished soon as it was a hazard. Roger Wakefield offered to help Bethany Leavitt with the RFP so the house can be demolished soon.

## **Petition to Repeal Voting Machines**

Discussion as to putting the question on the Warrant for the Town Meeting. The Draft of the warrant needs to be written by the group submitting the petition. Item tabled till the next meeting.

## **Town Manager Reports:**

Reginald "Bud" Means Reported that the water test results came back good. He has spoken with Mike Gerrish about welding the pipe and he will do the welding but the area needs to be dug out first.

## **Town Manager/Treasurer/Clerk**

Roger Wakefield volunteered to contact people who served on the search committee previously for a Town Manager so a new committee could be formed.

**Mowing of Town Properties and of the cemeteries:**

The person who has mowed the cemeteries in the past asked if we still wanted them to mow this year. Tabled till the next meeting.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

No report at this meeting

**Sullivan Fire & Rescue**

Nothing new other than what had been discussed previously during the meeting.

**Committees:**

**Parks and Rec**

Roger Wakefield stated that the Tennis Courts are open for the season. Also noted that there was a few repairs needed.

Gerry Erbes asked who was responsible for removing the trees that are growing up along the fence around the skate park.

Chief Pinkham noted that prep work is being done to move the storage container to the back of the Rec Center. He also asked if the Rec Center could use the granite blocks at the transfer station (Left by the state DOT after the new bridge was put in years ago) To Line the Parking area to deter people from parking places they should not be parking i.e., the walking path. Bethany stated that maybe a MOM could be worked out between the Town and the Rec Center.

**Board Comment**

Reginald “Bud” Means thank everyone for turning out to the meeting

Bethany Leavitt stated she wanted to make sure we are keeping on schedule for the Annual Town Meeting as this is her last few weeks of being on the selectboard. She also is looking forward to at least 2 candidate forums this year.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Reginald “Bud” Means moved to adjourn the meeting Bethany Leavitt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed 2/0. Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm

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Bethany Leavitt

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Reginald “Bud” Means