

Sullivan Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
July 10th 2023
5:00pm

Selectmen: Reginald "Bud" Means, Norman Bamford, Erin Shanahan

Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Don Snoke, Candy Eaton, Velma Thomas, Keith Hamel, Troy Hanna, Mary Hanna, Gary Edwards, Eleanor Koons, Barbara Raymond, Betsy Wakefield, Bethany Leavitt, Patricia Leavitt, Antonio Blasi, Paula Ring, and Gib Buell.

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Reginald "Bud" Means at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adjustments None Noted

Treasurer's Warrant

Warrant approved and signed by the members of the Towns Selectboard.

New Business

Reginald "Bud" Means welcomed the new Selectboard members, and opened the floor for nominations for Selectboard Chairman. **Norman Bamford nominated Reginald "Bud" Means to be Chairman, Erin Shanahan 2nd the motion, and it passed.**

Reginald "Bud" Means then opened the floor for Vice Chairman nominations.

Erin Shanahan nominated Norman Bamford as Vice Chairman Reginald "Bud" Means 2nd the motion, and it passed.

Norman Bamford thanked Reginald "Bud" Means for his efforts on keeping the town going in the absences of a Town Manager. Norman Bamford noted that basically "Bud" had been acting as an Interim Manager and should be compensated as such. He was wondering if "Bud" could be compensated the \$9,000 that would have been paid to the Town Manager over the 4 months Mr. Means has been helping out.

Norman Bamford Moved that the Town Pay Reginald "Bud" Means \$25.00 an hour for Interim Town Manager. With verification from Town Lawyer and Treasure if this is possible. Erin Shanahan seconded and the motion passed. Reginald "Bud" Means abstained from voting.

Old Business

Roads and E-911

Reginald "Bud" Means noted that several of the Town's roads has work that needs to be put out for Bid.

1. Taunton Drive needs ditch and culvert work this year so it can be paved in 2024.
2. Upper Tunk needs to have a culvert and drainage issues resolved.
3. Tucker Mountain needs to be paved.

Reginald "Bud" Means moved that these items be put out for bid and placed in the Ellsworth American. Norman Bamford seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Hasting House

Reginald "Bud" Means addressed Bethany Leavitt about getting the RFP sent so the demolition can be put out to bid. Also discussed was the need of the property to be kept neat (mowing the lawn and field). Reginald "Bud" Means noted that the field should not be mowed till mid-July due to the possibility of young fawns in the field. There are several individuals who do mowing for the town that could do the mowing at the Hasting House.

Reginald "Bud" Means moved to get the lawn taken care of at the Hasting House. Norman Bamford seconded the motion and it passed.

Discussion about forming a committee on how the town wants the new building layout to be. **Reginald "Bud" Means moved to appoint a new committee to start planning what the new building would look like. Norman**

Bamford seconded the motion and it passed. The Selectboard Appointed Norman Bamford, Mike Pinkham II, Gary Edwards, Ryan Daley, and Mary Hanna.

Harbor Master

Derrick Pinkham has requested the Town hire a Harbor Master. Other citizens have expressed concern about enforcement of the no houseboats allowed. Reginald “Bud” Means also has done further research and stated according to the state regulations if we have moorings then there has to be someone to monitor them.

Reginald “Bud” Means moved for the Town to look for someone finding someone to fill the Harbor Master position, Norman Bamford seconded the motion and it passed.

Reports

Town Manager/Treasure/Clerk Nothing noted

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Chief Pinkham II requested the Town allow the department put up for sale the squad and the out of service truck so the funds could be put in towards the cost of the new truck. He also noted hopefully they would be sold before the need of winterizing them.

Norman Bamford moved to allow the fire department to sell the squad and the out of service truck (once it's been inspected and passed.) Erin Shanahan seconded and it passed.

Age Friendly

Candy Eaton presented a written report and gave a general overview. She also encouraged members in the audience to pick up a brochure on the Alzheimer's Inclusion program.

See attached sheet for full report.

Cemetery Committee

Gary Edwards reported that there has been an increase of vandalism at all the cemeteries such as stealing flowers and other items.

Parks and Rec

Don Snoke reported that the committee is trying to diversify the by general age by reaching out to the younger citizens of the town. He also reported they was continuing trying to get the electricity fixed at the Sumner Memorial Park.

Public Comment

Keith Hamel proposed keeping Reginald “Bud” Means on as interim Town Manager for up to 12 months. Mr. Means noted that would not be needed as there was a couple candidates that is being looked at, and if all goes well should be able to fill the position in a few weeks.

Bethany Leavitt listed off the items that was left unfinished, such as the prequalification process for general contractors, maintenance on town properties, electrical contractors and other possible contracted work. She also discussed that Reginald “Bud” Means is not able to do the interim town manager as a selectboard member. Don Snoke expressed being pleased to see the selectboard at 3 again and welcomed the new members.

He had 3 Points he wanted to address,

1. He wanted the town to check with the lawyer about Reginald “Bud” Means being able to act as a interim Town Manager.
2. What was needed to start the process of approval of having a 5-person selectboard as its difficult for the current board members being able to discuss anything with the rule that 2 selectboard members established a quorum. Reginald “Bud” Means noted that this would have to go before the town in a special meeting.
3. He also would like to see the financial records to be clearer and more accessible.

Candy Eaton expressed her thanks for the town getting the weight limit signs up on Taunton Drive and stated she would like to see the speed reduced to 25 mph. She also shared a paper about why it would be beneficial to the have speed reduced on Taunton Drive and 31 connecting roads. *See attached reports and papers.*

Gary Edwards welcomed the new Selectboard members and also agreed that a 5- person selectboard is needed.

Gib Buell asked about the new weight limit posting on Taunton Drive and the local citizens being able to get a year long permit instead of per trip permits to do heavy loads.

Mary Hanna commented on communication, as to when there are meetings, many members of the town don't know when meetings are held. She also expressed the need to get more of the younger members of the town involved, maybe job shadowing. Ways to get the message out as most of the generation we are looking to get involved don't use Facebook, but Tik Tok or Twitter.

Reginald "Bud" Means noted that the Town has a communication committee and has been working on getting the committee openings filled.

Select Board Comment

Reginald "Bud" Means wanted to thank everyone for turning out and providing feedback.

Norman Bamford also thanked everyone for turning out.

Erin Shanahan agreed and expressed thanked everyone for turning out.

Executive Session

Reginald "Bud" Means moved to adjourn to an executive session at 6:15 pm pursuant to 1 MSRA 4405 subsection 6, Erin Shanahan seconded the motion and it passed. Out of Executive session at 7:15 pm.

Reginald "Bud" Means stated the Selectboard voted to take no action. Instead to reach out to the candidate(s) to meet with them at the next Selectboard meeting in executive session.

Adjournment

Reginald "Bud" Means moved to adjourn the meeting, Erin Shanahan seconded the motion and it passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Reginald "Bud" Means

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan