

Sullivan Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2023  
5:00pm

Selectmen: Reginald “Bud” Means, Erin Shanahan

Town Manager Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle

Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Don Snoke, Candy Eaton, Victoria Judkins, Gerry Erbes, L. C. Davis, Betsy and Roger Wakefield, Paula Ring, Greg Ring, Josh Trundy and Bethany Leavitt.

**Call to Order**

Reginald “Bud” Means called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the minutes**

Erin Shanahan moved to accept the minutes from the 09-25-2023 meeting as written Reginald “Bud” Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Agenda Adjustments**

Candy Eaton took a moment to present the AARP 2023 Beacon award that was given to the Town of Sullivan for its work on the Age Friendly Community here in Sullivan. Stating she hoped it would be displayed in the Town Office. Reginald “Bud” Means expressed thanks to Candy Eaton on her work on behalf of the Town.

**Treasurer’s Warrant**

Approved and signed by the Selectboard.

**New Business**

Franklin Salmon Farm Road permit (Tabled Company not ready)

**Old Business:**

**Sealed Bids:**

Several signed bids were presented for a number of projects the snow and ice removal was revisited due to the company that was awarded the job at the last Selectboard Meeting declined the offer of the snow and ice removal for town roads.

**Ditching and Culverts Taunton Drive**

Cashley Builders was the sole bidder for the Culvert replacement and ditching work on Taunton Drive 59,300 for 5 culvert, and repatching hot top patching and \$75,000 for ditching 2 miles of road.

Reginald “Bud” Means moved to accept the bid from Cashley Builders for both the Culvert work and Ditching. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Snow and Ice Removal of Town Roads**

Cashley Builders was the sole bidder. 3 yrs. at \$423,000 1 yr. \$141,000. Reginald “Bud” Means moved to accept the bid for the 3 years with Cashley Builders. Erin seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Salt / Sand Bids**

T.R. Construction had the sole bid for a 1 yr. at a mix sand and salt 2000c yards at \$14 a cubic yard.

Erin Shanahan moved to accept T.R. Construction’s bid for the salt sand mix Reginald “Bud” Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Salt and Snow Removal for Town Buildings bid**

Pinkham Management Services was the sole company to present a bid for \$20,000 for 1 yr., \$25,000 second year and for the third year \$30,000, for a total of \$75,000 for a 3-year contract. To removed snow, ice and salt/sand the parking lots and steps of the town buildings.

Erin Shanahan moved to hire Pinkham management for the 3 years @ \$75,000 for salt, snow removal and sanding of the town properties. Reginald “Bud” Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Hasting House**

The Town Manager reported that he had contacted DM and J about the questions and concerns expressed at the last meeting and stated that there would be an addition cost for the appropriate fill into the hole of the basement suitable to use to build on for the new fire station and town office. The

additional cost would be \$5,000. **Reginald “Bud” Means moved to accept the bid with the changes. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.**

Forensic Audit Moved to next meeting.

Reginald “Bud” Means Moved to have a special Town Meeting to have a vote to see if the Town wanted to continue with the audit. As the cost is quite high. The motion was not seconded. Several members of the audience made suggestions on how to bring down the cost. Ranging from how large of the scope was warranted and limiting the scope of the work. Also, the narrowing in on a specific area that was of the most concern may bring down the cost of the audit.

### **Town Manager Reports**

The Town Manager Reported that He had attended the awards dinner earlier in the week with others for the Age Friendly Sullivan in Waterville, Me. and was very pleased with the efforts of the volunteers and noted it could not be done with out them.

### **Public comment**

Bethany Leavitt wanted to bring to the Selectboards attention that the State of Maine has made new laws and regulation of the Portable Toilets that are above ground units. The law now is the porta potty’s can only be placed for 7 days.

Gerry Erbes expressed concerns about the lack of forward motion on the Cannabis Ordinance and Don Snokes expressed regrets that it could not move forward until the Comprehensive Plan was finished and approve. Don also encouraged Mr. Erbes to join in on the Comprehensive Plan committee.

Mr. Erbes also stated concerns about the speed limit not being followed on the entrance of Tunk Lake Road stating people just are not following the speed limit as set.

Bethany Leavitt also followed up on the progress of certain proposals for policies that was started before she left office the end of June. And asked about how unspent funds are dealt with at the end of the fiscal year. It was noted except than roads and fire department the funds were rolled over into surplus. Bethany noted it should be a written out in a policy.

### **Select Board Comment**

Reginald “Bud” Means thank everyone for coming out and for their participation.

### **Adjournment**

**Reginald “Bud” Means moved to adjourn the meeting and Erin Shanahan seconded the motion and it passed 2/0. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.**

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Reginald “Bud” Means

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Norman Bamford

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Erin Shanahan