Sullivan Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2024
5:00pm

Selectmen: Reginald Means, Norman Bamford, Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Don Snoke, Velma Thomas, Keith Hamel, Gary Edwards (Via Zoom), Michael Pinkham II, Christina McGowan, and Judy Ashby (via zoom).

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5pm by Reginald Means with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
Norman Bamford moved to accept the Minutes from the 01-22-2024 Selectboard meeting as presented, Erin Shanahan seconded the motion with a caveat that the spelling of her name be corrected, and it passed 2/0.
Adjustments to the agenda
No adjustments
Treasurers Warrant
Norman Bamford moved to accept the Treasures Warrant as presented. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.
New Business:
The Boston Post Cane
The Town Manager discussed re-instituting an old tradition of, presenting The Boston Post Cane to the Oldest living resident of the Town of Sullivan. The Town Manager presented a policy in regards to being eligible for this award. The members of the Selectboard signed the policy and this will be posted on the website with a downloadable application. It will also be posted on the Facebook page with a link to the Town's website. A general discussion about presenting it during the Sullivan Daze Celebration.
Norman Bamford moved to re-institute the tradition of presenting the cane as the Town Manager presented. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.
The members of the selectboard signed the policy the Town Manager presented.
Amending the Contractor Pre-Qual Application
The Town Manager discussed his concerns about certain wording on the Application for Contractor Pre-Qual. Specifically Item 2 and add to item 4 about finding application on the website and at the Town Office.
Reginald Means also noted that the Town Manager should do the scoring on the application before presenting the application to the Selectboard.
Reginald Means noted the need to have a place to make note if there was any unsatisfactory work done.
The Town Manager also discussed having the ability to keep the scoring page separate from the application for quick referral.
Reginald Means moved to have the Town Manager amend the contract by striking item 2 to be stricken and making changes to item 4 of the contract and having a place to note unsatisfactory work. Norman Bamford 2nd the motion, and it passed 3/0.
Old Business:
Town Logo Design
Joe Pinkham won the Logo Contest. There was some discussion about asking for a few changes, and it was decided to ask Joe to come to the next Selectboard meeting.
Town Meeting for New and Updating Ordinances
The Special Town Meeting to make changes to the Building ordinance, 5-person selectboard, and Solid Waste Ordinance. Propose date is April 29th with Public Hearings on 4-15-2024 @ 5pm and 4-18-2024 @ 2pm.

Norman Bamford moved to hold the Special Town Meeting on April 29th 2024, to amend the Building Ordinance and the Solid Waste Ordinance's and to enact a 5-person Selectboard. Reginald Means 2nd the motion, with hearings before, and it passed 3/0.

Town Report (Start the Discussion)

The Town Manager reported that the Town Clerk has started working on the bones of the Town Report. And that most of the agencies requesting funds had submitted their letters. All but one of the elected officials had submitted a letter. Some discussion about photos to include and cost of publishing the Town Report nothing was decided about photos. The Town Manager noted the deadline would be the Friday before Memorial Day. A suggested that Town Report be dedicated to John Tetlow.

Spirit of America Award

The Town Manager discussed the need to nominate someone for the Spirit of America award. Questions as to what this detailed was presented and answered. It was decided to discuss this more at the next Selectboard Meeting. To include this into the Town Report along with the Boston Cane. Erin Shanahan stated that people in the Town should also have submissions for the Selectboard to consider.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

50th Anniversary recognition that one had been signed and not sent out. And that there is another couple celebrating 50 years in February. Looking to reinstitute these recognitions.

Maine Tourism Association was in on Monday the 5th of February. We now can start promoting when we wish and develop a brochure with places to see in Sullivan. These can be place at visitor centers throughout the state for tourist to pick up.

Maintenace Person Position will be reposted in the Ellsworth American and on the Towns website.

The Town Manager is looking into purchasing mowers for this position.

DM & J contract the Town Manager is working on getting the household waste and demo waste be a separate contract. He also noted that there is a new signage and a cable will be put in place to deter people from entering the transfer station area after hours when the main gate is open due to it being used for sand and plowing equipment coming and going.

The Hancock County Mitigation Plan was looked at and signed.

The Town Manager discussed an application for an abatement. Before he brings it to the Selectboard he would like to do a site visit with the CEO.

The Town Manager gave copies to each of the Selectboard members of the Ampion Solar proposal. The Selectboard asked if it would be possible for a presentation from Ampion. The Town Manager said that he would arrange to have their Representive to come and speak to the Selectboard.

The Town Manager strongly urged The Town and the Selectboard reinstate the Constable position. Reasons being there is no one to enforce the current Ordinances and Rules the Selectboard and the Town has voted to institute. This would be the noise, road weight limits and building codes, along with assisting the ACO as the first contact of Law Enforcement. Reginald Means asked if this could become part of the Harbor Masters duties? The Town Manager said that could be possible.

The Budget Committee will be meeting Tuesdays after the board of selectman's Monday meeting. i.e. February 13, 2024 5pm.

The Comp-plan Committee will be having informational for the public at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreational Center 3-3-2024 1-3p, and 3-5 6-8p these public meeting is pre-curser to the public survey.

The Town Manager asked for the Selectboard to appoint a chairperson for the Budget Committee. He recommended they appoint Gary Edwards. Reginald Means agreed that Mr Edwards was a wise choice.

Reginald Means moved to appoint Gary Edwards as the chairperson for the Budget Committee. Norman Bamford 2nd the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Chief Michael Pinkham II passed around a report that broke down calls and other items of activity for the month of January.(See attached sheet). He noted that there was an uptake of transport calls in the month of January.

Chief Pinkham also asked about using privet atv's for the upcoming Winter Fest on Flander's Pond and if it went through the ice (if they had to do a call it would be more expedient to go across the pond via atv's) where it was private property and not owned by the Town but being used for Town purposes. Would it be covered by the Towns Insurance; it was noted that they would have to check with the Insurance company. The Fire Chief also reported that due to a prior call it was notice more appropriate lighting would be needed when doing ice pond rescues.

Harbor Master no report.

Public Comment

Keith Hamel asked about the funding for the picnic tables. The Town Manager noted that it should be in the treasures warrant that was just signed.

Judy Ashby just wanted to thank the Fire and Rescue for all they do.

Board Comment

Normand Bamford stated it was a wonderful meeting.

Reginald Means thanked everyone for being here thanked the Fire Chief and the Town Manager for all they do.

Motion to Adjourn

Erin Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting. Norman Bamford seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Reginald "Bud" Means

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan