

**Sullivan Select Board  
Regular Meeting  
February 26, 2024  
5pm**

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 02-12-2024 Selectboard meeting as presented, Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

**Adjustments to the agenda**

Norman Bamford moved to have Mark L. Pierce from Paper Talk Magazine speak first under the New Business section of the agenda. Moved to add The Boston Post Cane application and Spirit of America nominee to the Old Business on the Agenda.

**Treasurers Warrant**

Norman Bamford moved to accept the Treasures Warrant as presented. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

**New Business:**

**Paper Talk Magazine (Mark L. Pierce)**

Mr. Peirce thank the Town for its past support and noted that the magazine has been in print for 47 years. Mr. Peirce covered a general rundown of this year's issue of The Paper Talks and asked for the Towns continued support of the magazine.

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the ad as proposed in Paper Talks Magazine. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0

**Transfer Station Hours (Easter Sunday? Adding hours or days)**

The Town Manager asked about having the Transfer Station on Easter Sunday. March 31<sup>st</sup> having the Transfer Station open Wednesday and asked which Wednesday either the one before or the one after March 31<sup>st</sup>. Norman Bamford stated that it would be better to have it the one after incase someone misses the notice and they can get to it the following Wednesday.

Norman Bamford moved to have the Transfer Station open the Wednesday after Easter (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) in lieu of being open on Easter March 31<sup>st</sup>. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

**Appoint Sullivan Daze Chairperson**

Reginald Means recommended Deana Workman to be the Chair of the Sullivan Daze Committee.

Erin Shanahan moved to appoint Deana Workman to be the Chairperson for the Sullivan Daze Committee. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

**Housing Discussion (How do we create more housing opportunities)**

Reginald Means opened this discussion that there is a decided lack of housing opportunities in the Town of Sullivan. That having more homes built would decrease the overall tax liability on the tax payers. Norman Bamford stated that there is a couple options the town could do. One being marketing the town to developers. Or creating a housing authority. Erin Shanahan noted that the Town needs to have plots of land ready to be utilized. Greg Ring how does the finances work does the Town pay or will it be grants. Questions was raised about the status of the full town evaluation. It was noted that KRT has held off on their promise of 30 day reply for the re-evaluations. Norman Bamford noted that what type of housing needs to be worked out and put into writing. The Town Manager noted that this would be part of the Comprehensive Planning. Norman Bamford volunteered to search and see what would be available for land and present a report on March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Greg Ring stated that the Town needed to focus on

getting more business in Town. Velma Thomas asked about septic design and if new septic would have to be put in place if anyone wished to build a rental property on their land. It was noted that each rental needed to have its own plan for septic. Questions was raised about increasing Air B and B opportunities. Reginald noted that due to the current State Law no porta potties can be put in place longer than 7 days. Greg Ring asked about not following state codes, adopting the Towns own regulations. The Selectboard encouraged individuals to attend the Planning Board meetings.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Solar Ampion (Katie Rooney)**

Presented a proposal for the Town to save 15% on their Versant Power bills. Only 3 accounts. Are large enough to qualify. After some discussion and questions generally as to where the location of the solar farm would be located. The Selectboard decided to table and do more research and see if there was a possibility of getting on a more local solar farm.

#### **Amending the Contractor Pre-Qual Application**

The Town Manager presented the amended application for being pre-qualified to do emergency work with in the Town, upon review from the selectboard

**Norman Bamford moved to accept the application as amended. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.**

#### **DM & J Contract renewal**

The Town Manager presented for the Selectboards review the revised contract that would separate the Solid Waste and Demo Waste into two contracts with DM&J Disposal. Upon review the Selectboard signed the contract. A question was asked if the Town was going to be starting curbside pick-up. The Town Manager noted that first need to adopt an ordinance that included curbside pick-up and that would be one of the items to be voted on at the special Town Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm this will be in public and zoomed and available online for individuals who can not make the 2pm time.

#### **Spirit of America nominee**

The was a few questions as to who would be able to be submitted for consideration If there was an application or just how one gets nominated. This was tabled until the next meeting where more information would be available.

#### **The Boston Post Cane**

The Town Manager reported that he has one nomination and from all public records the application is the oldest person in town. But the applications will be closed the end of the month.

### **Town Manager Reports:**

#### **Town Logo Design**

Mr. Joe Pinkham was present to be formally recognized as the winner of the Town Logo Design Contest. The Town Manager also gave him the swag bag full of town items (sweatshirt, tote bag, t-shirt, and cap).

#### **Seasonal Posting of Town Roads**

The Roads will be posted effective March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Sullivan Fire & Rescue No Report**

#### **Harbor Master No Report.**

### **Age Friendly**

Candy Eaton passed around a written report (see attached sheet). She did ask about the tent being up in the Sumner Memorial Park before Memorial Day. Reginald Means stated that should be up before Memorial Day. Candy also made a point to thank Willia Andrews for doing an excellent job on the winter road maintenance.

### **Budget Committee**

Gary Edwards reported that there has been a couple of preliminary meetings. They will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month except for 2/27/24 that meeting will be on 2/28/24. Don Snoke reported that there is various subcommittees and he has been attending the RSU 24 budget meetings. He has found out that the monies the town pays to the RSU for its share of the school budget does not have to be in one lump sum but can be broken up to monthly or quarterly payments. Basically, however Town wished to set

up the payments for the year. Candy Eaton has been investigating how the laws effected the Towns ability to invest tax dollars. It's much more liberal than was expected. What needs to be address is to figure out the average daily balance that would be needed to run the Town, before looking into investing.

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Gary Edwards stated that they met on earlier on Wednesday 2-21-24, to meet with Ray and the staff. To start meeting to start getting things organized. Erin Shanahan has received complaints about the rubbish pile next to Simpson Cemetery. She asked if the Town owned Simpson Cemetery. Gary Edwards stated Simpsons Cemetery is not owned by the Town. The rubbish is not on the cemetery land. Mr. Edwards stated that this is a code enforcement issue.

#### **Communications Committee**

Yvette Grindle stated that there was a meeting that she and Erin Shanahan had attended they had gone over the March Crier, and made notes of edits. They also discussed changes to the website that now most committees had their own pages on the website. She also discussed that there was a need of individuals that was more technological skilled to help with creating and maintaining social media sites such as Instagram and Tik Tok to help promote the Town. They also discussed a wish list such as the ability to send mass messages to individuals. Such as closure of the transfer station or road closures, to individuals who may sign up for this service. There is a company who basically develops an application to be put on smart phones that people can use to get these sorts of notifications. The other wish list item was to refurbish or restore the wooden sign for the town office.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

The Town Manager reported that there will be two public engagement meetings, looking for community input. The first one is March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-3 and March 5 6-8p at the Sorrento Sullivan Rec center. This is informational and to work on to help formulate questions for the survey. Posters and postcards are being put up or mailed to citizens.

#### **Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings and Grounds, etc.)**

No report

#### **Sullivan Daze Committee**

Deana Workman stated that they had been made quite a bit of head way on getting organized. That the events at Gordon Wharf and Hasting house was all set with the Hastings house be parking only. Food venders was all set up and that they are working on the parade. There has also been discussion about using the new logo on t-shirts for the event. Music/bands is all set up.

#### **Parks & Rec**

Bonnie Sparks reported on the parks and rec survey that there were about 40 responses so far that it would be extended into March. As of now a good portion of people really wanted to use the parks and that they would be dry. Bonnie also reported that there will be an Aquatic adventure Camp for 6-12 years old sponsored by Friends of Taunton Bay and CCAR. The Cost of the camp is \$75.00 per child the Town will subsidize \$25.00 of that cost for campers from the Town of Sullivan. Kids from the Town of Sullivan will pay \$50.00 there will also be some scholarships provided by Friends of Taunton Bay. There will be flyers passed out at the school and put on the schools Facebook page. There are picnic tables and benches in the works to be done before the start of summer. Bonnie also stated that their will be an open meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm open meeting at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreational Center. This will have Maine DOT, HCRC, and National Scenic Byway to see what sort of funding and grants maybe available to the Town to help with upgrades to our recreational area.

Keith Hamel stated that the picnic tables and benches should be done by early spring. He also stated that he will be resigning from the Parks and Recreational Committee and the Sullivan Daze Committee for personal reasons.

#### **Public Comment**

Don Snokes informed the selectboard that the grant request for the new community building was denied but we can apply again next year.

#### **Board Comment**

Reginald Means thanked everyone for turning out and for their input.

**Executive Session**

Moved into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss confidential records. At 6:45pm


Out of Executive Session at 7:05pm

Conceal carry Permit was approved.

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

  
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Reginald "Bud" Means

  
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Norman Bamford

  
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Erin Shanahan