Sullivan Select Board Meeting
June 10, 2024

Selectmen: Reginald Means, Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Don Snoke, Candy Eaton, Christina McGowan, Mike Guertler, Wilie Andrews, Barbara Raymond, Allan Colebank, Keith Hamel, Velma Thomas, Bonnie Sparks, Conrad Ober, Greg Ring Deana Workman, and Bethany Leavitt

Call to Order

Reginald Means called the Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:07pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the minutes from the May 22nd 2024 meeting as written. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Adjustments to the agenda

Reginald Means asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. The Town Manager noted that he had a few items.

Unorganized Territory Contract
RSU 24 Contract / Lease
Culverts on Taunton Drive

Treasurers Warrant

There was more information needed so the warrant will be signed at a later date.

New Business:

Code Enforcement: Sign Ordinance

Mike Guertler the CEO for the Town of Sullivan came before the board seeking guidance in how they wanted him to proceed about signs along the Sumner Memorial Park advertising business on Taunton Drive. As the sign ordinance is currently written it does not allow these signs. Some of these signs have been place every year and tolerated. He has spoken to other businesses and asked the businesses to remove their signs. This particular one has stayed up. The Board agreed to have the CEO officer to approach that business and request they remove the sign until the sign ordinance is amended at a future date.

CEO also expressed concerns property owners ignoring letters asking for their properties to be cleaned up. He asked how they wanted him to deal with this noncompliance.

The Selectboard agreed that they would rather go with a gentler approach than taking home owners to court.

Mr. Guertler discussed the proposed changes to Building Code that had been emailed around should go before the planning board or a petition through the Town Clerk.

Seasonal Opening of Transfer Station

Yvette Grindle spoke up about how some of the neighboring towns was doing a seasonal extra day opening of their transfer station. After some discussion about times the transfer station is open 10a-3p and how it's not really convenient for individuals. Especially during the summer to wait till 10am to get to take rubbish to the transfer station. The Selectboard decided to table this until the next selectboard meeting and more information could be obtained from other members of the community.

Culverts on Taunton Drive

Willie Andrews addressed the Selectboard about the need for more culverts on Taunton Drive than was expected. His estimate is that there will be 19 known and possible 5 more unknown that cross the road. At an additional cost of $80,000 to the project.

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the additional monies up to $80,000 maximum. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Old Business:

Unorganized Territory Contract

The Town Manager reported that approximately 2 dozen citizens from the unorganized territory use the transfer station. He also passed the updated contracts with amended wages for the fire fighters. The Selectboard signed the contracts

Erin Shanahan moved to adopt article 3 in the contract for the Unorganized Territories for the Fire personnel wages. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

The Selectboard signed the contracts.

Decals for Sullivan Residents for Transfer Station use

Reginald Means stated he would like to see decals to put on cars(windows of). To make sure that only residents of the Town of Sullivan are using the transfer station.

Reginald Means moved to order decals to have for the citizens of the Town to put on their vehicles in order to have just Town residents use the Transfer Station. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

RSU Contract / Lease

The Selectboard requested the Town Manager revisit the contract with RSU 24 and the Town will not settle for less than $40k for the rent for the first year and $45K for the second year.

Opening of Bids

Reginald Means opened the Bids for the Following jobs.

Road side Mowing

Robert Marshall Bid $4,500

Erin Shanahan moved to accept the Bid 0f $4,500 for Road Side Mowing by Robert Marshall. Reginald Means seconded the motion and it passed 2/0.

Granite blocks moved from Hasting House to the Transfer Station

There were some public concerns about the bids and if the blocks would be handles appropriately.

Cashly Builders $10,000

TR Construction $3,500

After some discussion.

Erin Shanahan moved to put back out to bid with specifications about the handling of the blocks, to have it stacked and to move from where it is on Hasting property and where its located. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Mowing of Town owned properties

Greg Ring $3,400

Lamb Chop Lawn Care $15,000

Erin Shanahan Moved to Hire Greg Ring to mow the Town Office, Transfer Station, Gordons Wharf, Bush Hog work at the Town Office property on 1757 US Highway 1 and the Tennis Court. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Bid for Upper Tunk Lake Road

Cashly Builders $125,00

J Tracey and Sons $15,800

After some discussion it was decided to be tabled. The Town Manager is going to reach out to Mr. Tracey and see if he understood the full scope of work to be done.

Salt Bid Maine DOT

Willie Andrews inquired about the kind of salt and formulation. It was also noted that the salt sand mix will be hotter(more salt than sand) this upcoming winter season.

Erin Shanahan moved to accept the bid from the ME DOT. If the quality of the salt meets expectations. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Citizen of the Year and Spirit of America Nominations (Closing)

It is up on the website and will be closing on June 30th 2024.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

The Town Manager reported on these items.

Flanders Pond Public beach survey: He was able to locate the survey that was done a few years ago and sent it along to Ed Pare' to go over.

TxMyGov: will be starting up the beginning of July 1st 2024.

Road Survey: The company will be surveying the condition of the roads owned by the Town starting in July 2024.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue the Town Manager submitted the written report from the Fire Chief.

Harbor Master: No Report

Committees:

Age Friendly

Candy Eaton was pleased to inform the Selectboard and Audience members that the Town of Sullivan had been granted one of the Community Connector grants.

Candy the requested that the Selectboard vote on a motion to carry forward unspent funds from grants and municipal allocation as of 06-30-2024 to FY 2024-2025.

Erin Shanahan moved to accept the proposed motion as Candy Eaton presented Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Candy then discussed the Assisted Ride Share program that the Town might consider using. She touch on the pros and cons or the program and that other departments might use it to keep track of their milage.

Budget Committee: On Hiatus until fall of 2024.

Cemetery Committee:

Town Manager stated that the signs will be installed with in the next few weeks.

Communications Committee:

Yvette Grindle discuss that they had a short meeting to go over the Town Crier and Town Report. Also, that the Towns Facebook page had been hijacked by individuals out of the country. That once reported to the Secretary of State the Town was able to regain access to the page and put it back to rights.

Comprehensive Plan: The Town Manager related that work was progressing. That it was expected to have the citizens survey out by the end of July.

Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings and Grounds, etc.): Infrastructure did not meet this month and is on hiatus till the fall.

Sullivan Daze Committee: Bonnie Parks reported that the committee was finalizing promotional items and things was getting all aligned for the Day.

Parks & Rec: Bonnie Parks presented a plan to the Selectboard to do improvements to the skate park. Bill Proko has done a proposed plan and cost. Bonnie and Bill will be meeting with the Town Manager at a later date to discuss and solidify this more.

Bonnie also asked to have time on the July agenda to discuss the findings from the Survey done last winter.

Bonnie then Discussed the Aquatic Camp being offered and that it was filling up. Sadly, mostly with youth not from with in our town. She also discussed the need to paint the Gazebo at Sumner Park and removing old shrubs that was in poor shape.

Public Comment

Allen Colebank presented information on a revote on the Building Ordinance to put the Town in compliance with the new State Laws.

Bonnie Sparks spoke up about the Budget process and the communication to committees once proposed budget was sent to the committee and not hearing any feedback from the Budget Committee.

Bethany Leavitt suggested a workshop on June 13th 2-3p for an application for grant money specifically for funding repairs or new bridges over streams.

Kieth Hamel discussed the immediate availability of two picnic tables that would be good to put at Flanders Pond Beach and or Flanders Bay Boat Launch.

Erin Shanahan moved to buy the 2 picnic tables one to go to Sumner Park and one for the playground. Funds to pay for the tables to come out of the Sumner Park reserves and from the playground reserve accounts. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0

Board Comment

Reginald Means thank everyone for coming out and their input. He also thanked all the hard work the committees have been done on behalf of the Town.

Executive Session

Moved to Executive Session 7:44p out of Executive Session 9:30p

Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters

Personnel issue discussed and taken care of.

Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records

Confidential Records discussed and tabled to a later time.

Motion to Adjourn

Erin Shanahan moved to adjourn. Reginald Means seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm

Reginald Means

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan