Sullivan Select Board Meeting
October 15, 2024

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Candy Eaton, Bonnie Sparks, and Gabriel Goode(Via Zoom).

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge

Norman Bamford called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Norman Bamford moved to approve the minutes from the 10-01-2024 Selectboard meeting. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Adjustments to the agenda: No adjustments

Treasurers Warrant

Norman Bamford moved to accept the Treasurers Warrant as presented. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

New Business:

Old Business:

Road Commissioner

After a brief discussion,

Norman Bamford moved to table the discussion on a Road Commissioner until the meeting after election day. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Fall Festival

Yvette Grindle reported that the festival was moved inside due to the weather. There were 25-30 kids that attended. She felt that the turn out would have been larger if it could have been outside. It appeared that everyone who attended had fun.

Water Testing Results

The Town Manager reported that the well cap was going to fixed by Michael Gerrish. That Mr. Gerrish would be adding several inches to the current well cap. That the outdoor hose used by the community garden's hose will have a vacuum break on the hose.

Signing the Tracey's Liquor License

The Selectboard signed the addendum for Tracey's Seafood liquor license.

BELLS Liquor Licensing

The Town Manager reported on the new system that the State is putting in place starting October 28th 2024. There is training Friday 10-18-24, and a video of the training will be available after Friday.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

Grant for Gordons Wharf and Sumner Park

The Town of Sullivan and Sorrento received a Community Resilience Partnership grant. The Selectboard needed to sign a resolution to adopt a Municipal Community Resilience Partnership. To do studies on the drainage at Sumner Park and Gordon Wharf.

Grant For Housing Options

The grant was given to 3 two Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. A total of $308,000. This is specific to do studies on housing.

Communications Committee

Yvette Grindle noted that the committee did a hybrid meeting this past month the main discussion was the Town Crier. They also discussed getting more of the Sullivan Residents involved in the TextMy Gov system.

Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Planning Committee had a Community Conversation on the environment on September 15, 2024. There was a small number of participants. Overall, it was a good experience. There are two more meetings scheduled October 22nd 6pm and November 17th 1-3p at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center.

Parks & Rec

Bonnie Sparks talked about the adding of Kimberly Brooks to the Parks and Rec committee. She also discussed the painting of the playground she noted the majority of that was being done by Bill Procko. She requested that the Town Manager walk the site with her and a few others, that the Playground is on as she is unclear where the lines of the property are for the site. This leads into the story walk being installed. She also noted that there was no signage up to say no smoking/vaping or general rules. She also requested the Town put out bids for the repairs to the gazebo at Sumner Park. She was asked specifically what needed to be done. She noted the roof, and electricity. She noted that they committee would get volunteers to help with the landscaping and painting of the Gazebo. The Selectboard requested the Parks and Rec committee come back with a specific list of what needs to be done. Bonnie noted that several community members are volunteering to move a picnic table and a bench from the park to the playground area. She also noted that there were ongoing efforts to get the skate park update plan approved by an engineer. She requested approval of updating the sign for Sumner Park. There was some discussion on whether to keep same sign and refurbish or get a new one. It was decided it would be best to repaint if the current sign was stable. There was also discussion about the large signs that are supposed to be at the playground and how high to place and where to place. This led to the removal of the old roof that was there for the old sign. The Town Manager proposed they take it up to Ellsworth for disposal.

Norman Bamford moved to give the parks and rec committee the authority to place the large signs at the playground however they see fit. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Norman Bamford moved to allow the Parks and Rec committee the authority to use the Towns account to take the old roof from the playground area to Ellsworth and to use the Towns account to dispose of the said roof. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

The Town Manager wanted to note that after someone accused Mr. Andrews of dumping sewage behind his property at the last Selectboard meeting. The Town Manager was invited by Mr. Andrews to that site for inspection. He noted that there was no evidence of sewage being dumped, no obvious smell or anything to indicate the accusation was founded.

Public Comment

Bonnie Sparks thank the Town Manager for putting up all the minutes on the website.

Candy Eaton asked that the Selectboard keep the option of the car charging stations open.

Board Comment

Erin Shanahan asked when the taxes might be ready to be committed. Yvette Grindle noted last time she spoke to Amy Dunn about when she stated late November early December.

Ordinances

The Town Manager explained he had spoken with MMA seeking clarification on what could and couldn't be done to update/change ordinances outside of having the Comprehensive plan finished. The Planning Board can do they can do most except zoning and some others.

Flanders Beach Ordinances

The Town Manager found this ordinance it was adopted 7-30-1990 its not online he is considering putting it up on the website. He gave a general overview of what it contained.

Electric Car Charging Stations

A Citizen came to the Town Manager with a proposal to have charging stations for cars. The question would be where to place such a station. It was an example of one of the ordinances that could be grouped into the land-use ordinance.

Hancock and New Plates Concerns

At the previous meeting there was a concern about if the Town of Hancock would be handling their own reissue of plates for their citizens. Cheri, she confirmed that all replacement plates that are to be issued to "re-registrants" shall be handled at their office. All other transactions for Hancock shall remain unchanged at this time.

Erin Shanahan inquired about a candidate forum with the 4 individuals who are running for the open selectboard seat. The Town Manager stated that there was no interested individual or group interested in hosting the event. His wife was trying to set up video interviews as of the time of meeting those had not be established.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Ambulance is back in service after being sent out to have the power stretcher and other maintenance done.

There was a handicap ramp built for a needy Town resident at no cost to them all materials, and labor was donated. A thank you was noted to all involved.

Planning Board

Town Manager noted that the Board was continuing to work on redoing the land use ordinance.

Harbor Master

Erin Noted that it was Harbor Master day a few days ago and wanted to thank Graham Platner for his work.

Committees:

Age Friendly

Candy Eaton passed out a written report (see attached sheet). She noted the work of Misty Gleason on reaching out to people for the vaccine clinic at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center. Also noted of the resource guide of service individuals that can be access online of various local tradesmen and other town services.

Age Friendly submitted a grant to get funds for new sound equipment at the gazebo at Sumner Park. It's hoped to hear back by the end of the month.

Budget Committee on hiatus until after elections.

Cemetery Committee

The committee will be meeting on 10-23-24. The Town Manager reported that the signs have been installed with all the rules for the use and not what to do at the cemeteries. They will be discussing the Sexton which was voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting in June.

Erin Shanahan asked when the tents in Sumner Park is coming down. The Town Manager stated he would like to call Grand Rental in Trenton to come and take them down as it was difficult to get volunteers to come and assist with putting them up.

Norman Bamford moved to approve to have the Town Manager contact Grand Rental to take down the tents in Sumner Park. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Motion to Adjourn

Erin Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan