Sullivan Select Board Meeting
October 1, 2024

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Mike Pinkham II, Graham Platner, Gerald Erbes, Greg Ring, and Barbara Raymond

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Norman Bamford moved to approve the minutes from the 09-16-2024 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:

Announcing the Selectboard Candidates

Norman Bamford read the list of candidates. They are as follows,
Gerry Erbes
Nadine Murphy
Dave Koziol
Greg Ring

Mr. Bamford also read aloud the Warrant for the Municipal Election for a Selectboard Member.

Norman Bamford moved to accept the warrant for the Municipal Election for Selectboard member for a Term of 8 months(Term expires 6-30-2025). Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Ground Mount Solar Installations

Graham Platner Chairman of the Planning Board discussed the need to move towards a moratorium on construction of ground mounted solar panels. This would still allow for roof mounted installations. This is a proactive measure until further discussion can be had on how the Town as a whole wants for solar installations.

The Town Manager is to reach out to the Towns attorney to see what legal action the Town may do. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Alternate Meeting Day Due to Elections

With the new meeting schedule, the first meeting of the Selectboard falls on Election Day. After a short discussion,

Norman Bamford moved to have the Selectboard meet on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Old Business:

Road Commissioner

The Town Manager directed the Selectboard Members to the Job Description for Road Commissioner in their folders. In a most communities the position is either appointed until one can be elected or elected for the post. Greg Ring asked why the Selectboard couldn't continue doing this position as it was done in the past. Erin Shanahan stated that it was difficult as she herself is not qualified to do this position,

and the fact that they can not talk with each other due to being a 3-person selectboard to decide the best course of actions outside of the bimonthly meeting. Mr. Ring then asked if he was elected Selectman could he also run for Road Commissioner? The Town Manager said no as it would be a conflict of interest.

Fall Festival

Yvette Grindle reported that the festival was coming together. There are food vendors, a DJ, pumpkins have been paid for, and the greatest need was for volunteers at this point.

Water Testing Results

The Town Manager stated that the results for the water came back clean this month, but because of the issue in the prior months the State has give us three options,

1. New water source
2. Bring in water
3. Or install a chlorination system

The chlorination system seems to be the best option. There are grant options available, that will greatly assist in mediating the cost of installing the system.

General Assistance Updated Ordinance

Norman Bamford moved to accept the updated General Assistance Ordinance provided by the State. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

They signed to approved the updated ordinance for General Assistance.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

New Plates

The Town Manager is investigating a rumor that the Town of Hancock is not going to do their own reissue of new plates that starts on May 1st 2025. If this is true it was noted by the Town Manager and Selectboard that a representative should of come before the board to discuss this with the Town.

Purchasing Policy

The Town Manager asked for the Selectboard to please review the policy that was in their folders. After discussion and a few revisions.

Norman Bamford moved to approve the amended Purchasing Policy. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Sullivan Fire & Rescue

Chief Pinkham gave a written report for the Fire Rescue department(see attached document). He noted that there had been more medical calls in September.

Chief Pinkham noted that an ordinance was needed before we contract with Fire Recovery USA. In order to get some monies reimbursed to the Fire and Rescue for services rendered to non-residents.

Chief Pinkham also discussed the need to have the roof on fire station 1 re-shingled. He is in hopes to have some of the students from the carpentry program from the High School working on this project and some volunteers. Thus, cost would be just for supplies.

Sullivan EMS is now backing up for Northern Light for the community of Sorrento.

The EMS Chief Daley and Fire Chief are still working on arranging a meeting with Northern Light to work on contract adjustments.

Planning Board

Graham Platner noted that the planning board is working on updating the land use ordinance and other ordinance that seem to contradict or duplicate. They are breaking it into portions and each member review and do revisions. They are planning on having hearings open to the public once they have it all written.

Harbor Master

Graham Platner that someone reported an abandon boat floating down the Falls. It was registered and he was able to locate the owner to return the boat.

Online mooring is going well there is a few tweaks needed for individuals who are doing renewals. Graham is working with the company to resolve those issues.

Graham is planning on doing a survey of the moorings. He will be diving to do inspection of their condition.

The float at Gordons wharf will be schedule to be taken out for the season.

Public Comment

Greg Ring inquired about the salt sand bid as he had heard it had not gone out to bid. The Town Manager stated that the Town has plenty of sand for the upcoming season, that it only needed to order salt.

Gerry Erbes stated that he has been having issues with the big dump trucks driving over the white line and tearing up his driveway.

Board Comment

No comments

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Norman Bamford moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Adjourned to Executive session 6:45pm.

Norman Bamford moved to rejoin regular session. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

Out of Executive session 6:55pm.

Executive Session Actions

Norman Bamford moved to render payment for time served. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan