Sullivan
Select Board Meeting
December 3, 2024

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Erin Shanahan Gregory Ring
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Barbara Raymond, Gerry Erbes, Michael Gurtler, Michael Pinkham I, Derek Pinkham, Allen Colebank, and John Keenan.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge

Norman Bamford called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

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

Norman Bamford moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss confidential records. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Executive Session Actions

Norman Bamford disclosed the actions taken by the selectboard. The voted to remove the no trespass order from Mr. John Keenan. However, Mr. Keenan asked to be put on the agenda for January's meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the minutes as written. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Treasurers Warrant

Norman Bamford moved to accept the Treasurers Warrant as presented. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Adjustments to the agenda

No adjustments made.

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

Background Checks for Town Employees

The Town Manager is still investigation options and information.

Ordinance and the discharge of firearms within the Towns boarders

Gregory Ring was going to speak with the Hunters and they have not returned. Erin Shanahan clarified the Town was not looking to add an ordinance but had received a letter from Senator Marianne Moore expressing concerns about the hunters on the Taunton River.

Transfer Station

The Town Manager is working on the calculations and has not finished this report.

Trees on Grange Hall Road

Gregory Ring looked at the trees and the trees do need to come down. The Town Manager and Mr. Ring will work on getting the trees down and chipped and the disposal of the chips.

Budget Committee Policy

The Town Manager is refining the Policy and will be discussing this at a later meeting.

Committees, terms of service

The Town Clerk Gave an update to the oaths to be administered. She will be touching base with committees that need to be updated.

She also asked to have on the next meeting to have the appointment of Registrar be added to the agenda.

DOT Grant

The Town Manager updated the Selectboard of the changes of the Towns Commitment for the application process. This would be the granite agreed to and in addition $5,000.00.

Erin Shanahan moved that the Town give $5,000.00 towards the DOT grant for the prosed to the rec center and playground. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

CEO Conversation about of Notice of Violation

Michael Gurtler addressed the Selectboard about the Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Colebank and that he is appealing. After some discussion as this was a Shoreland Ordinance issue it should go to the Appeals. Board. Mr. Colebank stated he would prefer that the Selectboard make a decision on this matter. There was some back-and-forth discussion between the Selectboard and the parties involved. The Town Manager asked if there was a path that could be a way to it could come to a conclusion at this meeting. Michael Gurtler stated that Mr. Colebank had not received his permit from the Maine DEP and that is not going to be issued before Mid-January 2025 or later. Norman Bamford noted that according the shoreland ordinance this must go before the appeals board.

Norman Bamford moved have the appeals board look at the appeal. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

Tax Bills are being worked and should be printed on Monday December 9th. Erin Shanahan noted the MIL rate is not set as of yet but will be lower than previous years. Gerry Erbes took exception to how the Town was handling the process.

Planning Board

No Report

Public Comment

John Keenan read aloud a letter sent to him by the Town Clerk and wanted it entered into the record. (see attached letter)

Gerry Erbes asked to send a letter to the local contractor about the concerns expressed by several Town Citizens. The Town Manager will have an update about the letter and his discussion with the State DOT.

Board Comment

None made

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Norman Bamford **Erin Shanahan**

Gregory Ring

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November 20, 2024
John Keenan,

I am writing to you about your request made at the June 24, 2024, Annual Town Meeting.

John, you implied that you were "Shut Down" at the last Town Meeting. During the nomination process for a moderator, when I asked the body of the town in attendance if they would like to make a nomination for moderator you took that time to make a speech, or "petition" as you describe it. In the approximately 15 minutes that were speaking to all in attendance, Fred Ehrlenbach, was nominated and seconded from the floor. I asked you multiple times if you were going to nominate someone and your continued reply was that you were getting to it.

Because you were so focused on your speech and would not listen to what I or anyone else was saying, you didn't hear someone stand up and call for nominations to close and another person second the motion. Before putting the motion to vote, I asked you again if you would be nominating someone and you ignored me.

At this time, I put the motion to vote, and it passed thus opening for people to vote on who their choice for moderator would be.

The procedure for making a nomination is to stand up and say "I nominate…" then sit down. In your case where you wish to nominate yourself you would stand and say, **"I am John Keenan, and I would like to nominate myself for consideration as Moderator for Today's Meeting."** and then sit down.
Making a petition or doing campaign style speeches is not common practice when making a nomination.

Below if you note there is examples of definitions of the word "Nomination" if you note there is no place that mentions speeches, or petitions.

nomination
Word Reference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2024
nom•i•na•tion /ˌnɑməˈneɪʃən/ n.

1. [*countable*]an act or instance of nominating: There are two nominations for the award.
2. the state or condition of being nominated:[*uncountable*]His nomination was assured.

See -nom-[2].
Word Reference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2024
nom•i•na•tion (nom′ə nā′shən), n.

1. an act or instance of nominating, esp. to office: The floor is open for nomination of candidates for the presidency.
2. the state of being nominated.

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ˌnomiˈnation /ˌnɒmɪˈneɪʃən/n
the act of nominating or state of being nominated, esp as an election candidate.

Fred Ehrlenbach Pay
Please see the enclosed response from the Town Manager that was sent to you in June 2024 regarding that matter.

Thank You,
Yvette M. Grindle

Yvette M. Grindle

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