Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Gregory Ring(5:05pm), and Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Don Snoke, John Keenan, Mike Hoskins, Barbara Raymond, Michael Pinkham I, Michael Pinkham II, Adam Graham (Casella Waste Management Rep.), Bethany Levitt(Via Zoom),

The Meeting was called to Order by Norman Bamford with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5pm.

Adjustments to the agenda

Erin Shanahan requested adding a discussion on the Summer Selectboard Meeting Schedule. Norman Bamford agreed to add this discussion to the end of the New Business.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Norman Bamford moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Treasurers Warrant

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the Treasures Warrant. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

New Business:

Casella Waste Roadside Pick-up

Adam Graham from Casella Waste address the board about the roadside waste pick-up that Casella offers. Mr. Graham answered questions from the board and members of the audience.
They provide receptacles for each residence. This could include recycling at a higher cost to the Town. Due to liability concerns they do not drive down private roads to pick up the waste. The large receptacle bins can be left at the end of the private roads and drive-ways for the trucks to empty.

Paper Talk Magazine ad

The Town Manager presented the quote for advertising in the Paper Talks Magazine. Due to questions the board has this was tabled until the next meeting when the Editor for the Magazine can attend.

Opening Bids for Mowing and Bush hogging of Town Properties

Norman Bamford opened the bids for the Mowing and Bush hogging the Town Properties.
Gregory Ring Mowing and Bush Hogging as advertised $3,600

H&S Site work 2 bids	Town Playground $8,500
	Mowing Bush Hog $4,900
Kelley and Sons	Bush Hogging $2,300

Erin Shanahan moved to grant Gregory Ring the mowing, bush hogging Town properties, excluding the playground. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
Playground Bid is tabled until the next meeting. Due to the clean-up scheduled for 5-10-25 of the area around the playground.

Roadwork Discussion (Road Task Force)

The Town Manager noted that he hasn't sent out the request for bids for the roadwork as there needs to be more information and a bid packet made up as to specifics. He showed a few examples from other towns to the Selectboard. Erin Shanahan made a proposal of changing the motion from 4-15-25 she suggested still doing Taunton Drive but adding River Road could be included in the roads to be considered for work this year. The Town Manager and the Road Commissioner need to meet to write up the bid proposal packet to give to individuals who wish to submit bids. Gregory Ring stated that Upper Tunk Lake is the very utmost importance to repair. It was agreed to put out bids for Upper Tunk Lake Road and Taunton Drive.

Norman Bamford moved to amend the motion from the April 15th 2025 meeting to prioritize Taunton Drive and Upper Tunk Lake Road for road repairs and resurfacing. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Road Task Force

Mike Hoskin at the April 15th 2025 Selectboard meeting suggested that the Town form a Road Task Force group, to help determine the roads needing repairs and resurfacing and set up a schedule so the roads can be maintained in timely fashion. The Selectboard decided to form the task force at the May 20th meeting. They requested that it be known on Facebook and the Website that individuals were being asked to join this group of citizens.

Presenting proposed budget FY 25-26

The Town Manager presented the proposed Town of Sullivan budget for the FY 25-26. After some discussion,

Norman Bamford moved to accept the proposed Town of Sullivan budget for the FY 25-26. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Town Meeting Discussion

Town Clerk Grindle addressed the Selectboard. She explained as there was a 14 days max between the June 10th Election to meet the Bifurcated Town Meeting guidelines the Meeting for voting on the budget needed to be held on June 23rd the 4th Monday of June.

Mr. John Keenan expressed his displeasure of Bifurcated Town Meeting stating it couldn't be done. The Clerk assured Mr. Keenan that this could be done. Mr. Keenan asked for this information in writing.

Spirit of America Award and Citizen of the Year Award

The Selectboard requested that the nominations be posted on the Website and Facebook page that nominations are now open.

Erin Shanahan also noted that suggestion as to who can be the Grand Marshal for the Sullivan Daze Parade would be appreciated.

Summer Selectboard Meeting Schedule

Erin Shanahan opened the discussion with a suggestion that due to how busy summers was for some of the members of the selectboard. That it might be a good idea to meet just once a month in July and August. Norman Bamford asked when that meeting would be held the first or third Tuesday of the month? It was decided it would be best to meet on the First Tuesday.

Erin Shanahan moved to meet once monthly in July and August. Norman Bamford seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Old Business:

No Old Business

Town Manager Reports:

1790 US Highway 1

The Town Manager reported back on 1790 US Highway 1, the CEO stopped by the property and took a few photos and gave the Town Manager a written recommendation to condemn the property. The Town Manager provided copies of the photos and letter to the Selectboard. The next step is to contact the home owner to appear before the Selectboard.

Weight Limit Signs

The Town Manager asked about the Weight Limit Signs coming down. Gregory Ring stated that they were coming down this week.

Public Comment

John Keenan again expressed his concerns about following Title 30-A rules.

Mike Hoskin asked that we give John Keenan the information to show that the Bifurcated Town Meeting is being done correctly. The Town Manager stated that could be done.

Board Comment

None

Motion to Move to Executive Session

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

Moved to Executive session 6:45p

Out of Executive session 7:20p

Executive Session Actions

No Actions Taken at this time.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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5:00pm

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
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Approval of the
Minutes from the
May 06, 2025
Selectboard Meeting

Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan

Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 05-06-2025**