Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
August 05, 2025

**Selectmen:** Norman Bamford, Gregory Ring, and Erin Shanahan
**Town Manager:** Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
**Audience:** Don Snoke, Mike Hosking, Kim Brooks, Barbara Raymond, Patrice Alexander, George Fuller, John Keenan, Sally Knapp Gina Tansey, and Graham Platner.

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

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
Norman Bamford moved to approve the minutes from the July 02, 2025 meeting. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

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

**New Business:**
**Opening of Bids for Repair clean-up of work done on Morancy, Grange Hall and Thorne Roads**
No bids had been submitted at of 5pm 8-5-25 this will go back out to bid and be added to next months agenda.
**Code Violation Appeal 775 Tunk Lake Road**
The Town Manager informed the Selectboard that there was a violation issued for 775 Tunk Lake Road and the owner had requested to address the Selectboard asking for an appeal. As the owner was not present the Town Manager suggested moving this item of the agenda to the end of New Business.
Norman Bamford moved to put Code Violation Appeal 775 Tunk Lake Road last on the agenda. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.
Code Violation will stand as the appellee did not show for the meeting.
**Sullivan Ramp Repair**
The Town Manager discussed that a bill was received at the office from Donny Tozier that Mr. Tozier had been sending to an individual on the Harbor Committee for work that had been done at the Towns Wharf area. Mr. Tozier sent it to the Town after the bill not being paid for over a year. The Harbor Master is going to approach Mr. Tozier for the work that needs to be work on the wharf currently to get an estimate.
Graham Platner gave an update on what damage was done by the marine transport company at the Town Wharf and their promise to compensate the Town for the use of the ramp and the damage caused by their use of the ramp.
**Sullivan Daze Report**
The Town Manager noted that the information he had was just the cash report with out expenses taken out. The Raffles, Bounce house and Boat Rides brought in $5881.00. Boot money $5289.00 it was down a bit from last year mainly due to the lack or individuals able to be out with the boot on the road to get the donations. The Fireman's Grill and glow sticks brought in $4655.00. Saturday it self-brought in over $16,000. He also noted that the Event was well attended that there appeared to be people there through out the day with no lull in the attendance like in past years.

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**Schedule Comp plan vote**

The Town Manager asked that the selectboard vote on having the scheduled vote for the Citizens of the Town to approved the proposed Comprehensive Plan. He recommended that they schedule the vote for November 4th 2025 to coincide with the Selectboard member vote and the State wide referendum votes. Norman Bamford moved to schedule the Comprehensive Plan vote for November 4th 2025. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

**Tax Acquire Process**

The Town Manager updated the Selectboard about the ongoing process of reviewing the delinquent accounts. There are around 10 properties who have severely delinquent taxes. They are working on the most sever which is around ½ of those accounts.

**Drug Alcohol Policy**

The Town Manager discussed a proposed drug and Alcohol Policy to be put in place if the Selectboard approves. For all employees of the Town if they are representing the Town the employee needs to abided by this policy. This Policy is already being used by the Fire Department.

**Old Business:**

**Citizen of the Year Award**

The Town Manager introduced Mrs. Sally Knapp the 2025 Citizen of the Year recipient.

**Committee Structure Update**

The Town Manager noted that as several committees did not meet in July that this was still an ongoing process for the implementation of the policy.

**Town Manager Report**

**Barge Company Issues**

Town Manager reported that there had been issues with the barge going in and out to Iron Bound Island of them disrupting traps owned by several lobstermen. Graham Platner spoke with the owner of the company several times about the crews lack of care. They decided to move to another town. They have since filed a lawsuit against this Town.

**Committee Reports**

**Age Friendly**

Candy Eaton submitted a written report. It was also noted that as of September 1st Candy Eaton is retiring and that Kim Brooks would be taking her place as Age Friendly Coordinator.

**Public Comment**

Mike Hosking asked if the Town was going to be reimbursed for the clean up for the tree work that was poorly executed. The Town Manager noted that was yet to be determined.

Sally Knapp asked about getting her monies reimbursed for the tree work done at her property to repair the tree that was done by the contactor hired by the Town to trim the brush along the roads. The Town Manager made a copy of the bill for the work done at her property for the clean up of the work done.

John Keenan question could he submit a bill for work done at his property if he chose to? The Selectboard said no this is not the normal practice.

**Board Comment**

**Motion to Move to Executive Session**

Norman Bamford Moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Adjourned to executive session at 6:30pm. Out of Executive Session at 5:58pm.

**Executive Session Actions**

Norman Bamford gave the actions of the Selectboard in Executive Session the Selectboard voted to send out the letters about the tax acquired property.

The Town Manager made a special note to Thank Erin Shanahan for her time served on the Selectboard.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Norman Bamford moved to adjourn the meeting. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

**Age-Friendly Sullivan progress report to Select Board 8.05.25:**

**Media:**
https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/news/skate-jam-to-be-held-at-sorrento-sullivan-recreational-center/article_9bae44c4-7263-460d-8eea-6ec8f933b5f9.html

https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/eedition/page-b1/page_fb4412bc-4abb-5609-848f-5f760e67a1e8.html

https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/lifestyle/entertainment/music-in-the-park-age-friendly-sullivan-presents-july-concert-lineup/article_90bf1bfc-8bfd-43cd-b446-a29437a8e302.html

Events: https://www.newscentermaine.com/maine-things-to-do?_evDiscoveryPath=/event/3117706-sullivan-daze

https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/news/sullivan-daze-to-begin-aug-1/article_d7614591-70e3-47c5-ba34-5082f02d7dde.html

https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/announcements/chcs-rep-to-speak-at-age-friendly-sullivan-meeting/article_aad0e249-1fa9-4999-a291-777150e91a68.html

**Budget & Donations:**
- **June:** Wild Tilth Farm — seedlings for community garden - **THANK YOU!**
- **July** Music in the Park: 4 nights @ $150/night honorarium; VP yard signs $93.64; HD tape & letters for older yard signs $28.53: **Total grant expense: $722.17**
- **Sullivan Daze** Music in the Park: Cryin' Out Loud $800; VP banners (2) $138.39; UHaul truck rental: $106.36: **Total grant expense: $1044.75**

**Community Connector:**
- Checking in with those seeking assistance; concerns about Federal funding for heating assistance, SNAP benefits, housing improvements
- Developing work plan/timeline for year 2 - 9/01/25-8/31/26

**Website Updates:**
- Meeting minutes
- Daily FB updates automatically posted to webpage.

**Upcoming Activities/Events**
- **Tues/Thursdays:** 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders
- 8/06/25 AFS meeting: Casey Estes & Laura Carey, Community Health & Counseling
- 8/19/25 Birthday cards - September birthdays
- 8/28/25 U Maine Center on Aging - Strategic Planning Retreat, Waterville
- 9/03/25 AFS meeting: Al May, CDC Downeast Public Health Liaison

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**Approval of the Minutes**
**from the July 01, 2025**
**Selectboard Meeting**

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| **Norman Bamford** | **Gregory Ring** |

**Attached:**

- **Agenda of Selectboard 08-05-2025**
- **Written Report for Age Friendly**