Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
January 05, 2026

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Gregory Ring and Michael Hosking
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Michael Pinkham II, and on Zoom Judy Ashby and Russ.

Meeting Called to order

The Meeting was called to order by Norman Bamford with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm.

Adjustments to the agenda

Town Manager noted that there were no executive session items.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Michael Hosking moved to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Treasurers Warrant

Norman Bamford moved to approve the Treasures Warrant as presented. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

New Business:

Solid Waste Contract

The Town Manager discussed that the Town had received the renewal contract for service with DM&J and asked if the Selectboard wished to put the Transport for Municipal and Demo waste out to bid. There was some discussion if the Town should continue with keeping the Demo container or to have individuals go to the Ellsworth transfer station.

The Selectboard decided to ask the Town Manager to come back with what the Town has been paying for Demo disposal and what was brought in at the office.

Norman Bamford moved to find out if there are any other options available to the Town for removal of the waste at the Transfer Station. And to put the Removal of the Demo dumpster at the Transfer Station on the agenda for the next meeting. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Old Business:

CEO Fee Schedule - Postponed until the next meeting

2026 To-Do List - Set date for Selectboard Work Session

The Town Clerk discussed the list that at this time has 25 items, and the need to reschedule. The Town Manager recommended that the next Selectboard meeting.

Michael Hoskings moved to have the next meeting on January 20, 2026 start at 4:00 pm to allow for the work session. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Michael Hosking also suggested that at the work session to prioritize the items and go from there.

Town Manager Reports:

Town Manager

- Trash bags left at the Transfer Station: The Town Manager discussed the half dozen or so bags that was just left at the transfer station when the power was off. Some of those bags was heavier than 25 lbs. and he was going to do more research on the actual cost for the 25 lbs.
- Lobster traps @ Gordons Wharf: The Town Manager reported that he was going to have Harbor Master Alan Doughty look into who owned the traps that are setting on the wharf at Gordon Wharf. This is not a storage place for one's traps.
- Stray Animals: The Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth is no longer going to take in stray animals. The Town Manager will contact The Ark Animal Shelter and the Trenton S.P.C.A. to see if they would act as the intact for the strays that may occur with in the Town.

- Bank Interest Rates: The Town Manager reported that the bank has notified
- the Town that the interest rate has been lowered. Also 2 CDs are coming due.
- Propane Leak incident: Town Manager read the letter of thanks that was sent in by Rev. Monica Giordano. Fire Chief Pinkham gave a general incident report to the Selectboard. He noted that the head of the DEP wants to meet with the fire department. This is to see if they had any questions and to congratulate them for a good job.

Sullivan Fire/EMS

Fire Chief Michael Pinkham II submitted the call numbers for 2025. He noted that there was an increase of 25% from the previous year. (see attached report).

Michael Hosking asked Fire Chief Pinkham if the Selectboard could help with obtaining more volunteers for the Fire/EMS. Chief Pinkham noted the biggest obstacle is the cost and time of training individuals.

Gerry Erbes – Addressing the Selectboard

Mr. Erbes was not present and Michael Hosking suggested to not put Mr. Erbes on the agenda again until he requests to be on the agenda.

Public Comment

No Comments

Board Comment

Gregory Ring noted that the float at Gordons Wharf is scheduled to come out the end of the week.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Action item list:

New Item

- Drug alcohol Policy

Move to be onto agenda

Action taken but not completed as of 12-03-2025

- To determine the actual property owned by the Town that's part of the Tennis Court Complex. And to determine what needs to be done for maintenance.
- Hiring a Seasonal maintenance person.
- The Deck and Railings of the Gordon Wharf House needing to be inspected and or replaced Norman Bamford is going to go and get photos.
- Mobile home on Moose Lane owned by the Town what action needs to be taken to get it removed.
- Drug Alcohol Policy
- Shellfish Contract
- Housing Opportunity Grant and Contract
- Contact No Frills Oil to see if we can get a set contract
- Structural Engineer for the Fire Department
- Street Signs List Added to the Todo list – Greg Ring
- Tree Work in the Spring – Added to the Todo list
- EMS Calls and Fees and Cost to the Town clarifying the cost to the Town and other details.
- Fee Schedule for the CEO (Building and Shoreland etc.).
- Review of Ordinances to put on the ballot for Junes Primary / Local Election.

Completed

- Committee Chairs attend the meetings. Asked that the Town Manager or Town Clerk send notes out to the Chairs asking them to attend the Selectboard meetings.
- Alan Colebank the Legal fees how much paid and how much is expected to pay and what it's going to take to make it go away.
- 50 Taunton Drive drive-way gravel

- **Send Fuel Contract out for bid – Sent out on November 19, 2025 for publication in the 11/26/25 Ellsworth American and Bids are to be Submitted by 5:00PM to be open at the 12/02/2025 Selectboard Meeting.**
- **The Selectboard request that the Harbor Master, Planning Board, Fire and EMS Chiefs and CEO attend a Selectboard at least once a Month. Also, that more committees chairs attend Selectboard meetings.**
- **Refreshments at the Selectboard Meetings. (Kimberly Brooks offered to have Age Friendly Sullivan bring refreshments at the next meeting.)**
- **Talk with Michael Pinkham about the temperature is being kept at the fire houses.**
- **He asked about the status of the Harbor Master. The Town Manager noted that Alan Doughty was likely to be taking that position up as of January 1, 2026.**
- **A list of Town Employees. – The Town Manager printed that out for him that night.**
- **Requested an "Action List" with who is responsible to do that list and when it was to be done.**
- **Set Calendar for 2026 – December 2, 2025 Select board meeting**
- **The Town Manager to set up presentation with Trio on their module for the CEO, also to have the CEO at that meeting.**

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Approval of the Minutes
from the January 05, 2026
Selectboard Meeting

Norman Bamford

Gregory Ring

Michael Hosking

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 01-05-2026**
- **Year to date calls by Sullivan Fire/EMS**
- **Letter of Thanks from Rev. Monica Giordano**

Agenda
Sullivan Select Board Meeting
January 05,2026
5:30pm

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
Adjustments to the Agenda
Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
Treasurers Warrant
New Business:
Solid Waste Contract
Old Business:
CEO Fee Schedule
Reschedule of Work Session
Town Manager Reports:
Town Manager
Mr. Erbes request – topic forthcoming
Public Comment
Board Comment
Motion to Move to Executive Session
Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records
Executive Session Actions
Motion to Adjourn

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From: Monica Giordano <mlg3260@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Sullivan Town Hall
Subject: For Town Newsletter

Do you have room to add this to the next Town newsletter?

NEW YEAR GRATITUDE

Jan. 1, 2026 my neighbor, Josh Conary, loudly banged on my door. "I just checked your propane tank! It's hissing! There is a leak! Evacuate NOW!" Within minutes, the police were notified. The mighty volunteer Sullivan firemen came. They were so confident and capable. Neighboring homes were evacuated to the Rec Center where another group of kind volunteers readied the hot drinks and food. A small baby entertained us, waving from a blanket on the floor. Family dogs played with each other after seeking pets and hugs from nervous residents. After a few hours, the "all clear came." My outside propane tank had been filled the day before; it seemed that a valve broke and/or human error began the leak from Dec. 31, 2025. I would like to apologize to all for starting their New Year off with such a dramatic interruption. But thank the Good Lord it did not end with a BANG! Sullivan is such a wonderful town, filled with energetic, kind and compassionate people. I have never been prouder of our volunteer firemen and woman who move toward danger in service to those in need. Please...I invite you to consider how you can help out, too. Mike Pinkham at the firehouse and Santa Helpers; Veronika Connors on behalf of those who help with the Rec Center and every day kind of needs; Misty Gleason of Age Friendly and social gatherings; Sally & John Hambleton and other Rec Center helpers — and good neighbors and friends! The Town Hall good folks can help connect you so you can help out, too! We are a town of quiet hero's! A HUGE THANK YOU for the instant support and kindness given to the Harbor View Drive folks! Sullivan People Are the Best!

— With Love & Gratitude,
Rev. Monica Giordano
Harbor View Drive

Rev. Monica L. Giordano
207-664-4861

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received	% of Total
911 Call	2	0.49
911 Call for State Police	7	1.72
Non Dispatched 911 call	2	0.49
Assist Fire Department	2	0.49
Assist Law Enforcement	5	1.23
Assist Other	1	0.25
Alarm	24	5.91
Check well being	2	0.49
Citizen Requested Assistance	1	0.25
Disorderly Conduct	1	0.25
Electrical Hazard	2	0.49
Fire	39	9.61
Brush or Grass Fire	5	1.23
Haz Mat/Oil/Gas Spill	1	0.25
Inspections & Reviews	1	0.25
Fire Mutual Aid	1	0.25
Odor Investigaion gas etc.	1	0.25
Trees in the Power Lines	3	0.74
Smoke smell investigation	3	0.74
Structure Fire	3	0.74
Vehicle Fire	1	0.25
Medical Emergency	29	7.14
First Responder Call	238	58.62
Missing Person ALL	1	0.25
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	3	0.74
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	15	3.69
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3	0.74
Traffic Control	3	0.74
Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Deb	5	1.23
Vehicle off road	2	0.49
Total Calls:	406	

Report Includes:
All dates between `00:00:01 01/01/25` and `23:59:59 12/31/25`
All nature of incidents
All cities
All types
All priorities
All agencies matching `SUFD`
All zones

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