Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, and Michael Hosking
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
Audience: Kim Brooks, John Keenan, Ellen Lehto, Gerald Erbes, and Don Snoke(via Zoom)

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
   The Meeting was called to Order by Norman Bamford with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.
2. Review of Selectboard Policy
   Norman Bamford reminded the audience that a copy of the Selectboard Meeting Policy was available on the sign-in table.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda-
   Norman Bamford moved to table the Shellfish Opportunity at Gordon's Wharf to the April 6, 2026 meeting. Michael Hosking seconded the motion and it passed 2/0.
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes(March 2, 2026
   Norman Bamford moved to accept the March 2. 2026 meeting minutes. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
5. Treasurers Warrant
   a) Payroll Warrant for 02/27/2026 in the amount of $7,780.82.
   Norman Bamford moved to accept the payroll warrant for 02/27/2026 as presented. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
   b) A/P Warrant 03/17/2026 in the amount of $275,054.97.
   Norman Bamford moved to accept the A/P warrant as presented. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
6. Move to Executive Session
   a) 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. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
   Entered into Executive session 5:32 PM
7. Move to Regular Meeting Session
   Norman Bamford moved to enter back into regular session. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.
   Out of Executive Session 5:56 PM
8. Executive Session Actions
   Norman Bamford informed the Clerk that two abatements had been voted on and approved.
9. New Business: No new Business

10. Old Business:
11. Shellfish Opportunity at Gordon's Wharf: Tabled to the April 6, 2026 meeting
12. Personnel Policy:
    The Town Manager gave an update on the steps he needed to do to finalize the policy before bringing it before the Select board.
13. Tree Trimming :
    Michael Hosking gave his report of the assessment he had done for Grange Hall Road, Morancy Road, Thorne Road, and for the upper portion of the Tunk Lake Road. Of these roads he felt that the two roads needing to have road work done due to the amount of populace was

the Grange Hall Road, and Morancy Road. He also felt that if we approached Rob Marshall to do the Tree work that it would be a more economically and ecological friendly solution. The Tucker Mountain Road the culvert needed to be addressed asap. He thought it should be replaced.

He suggests to be done in this order:

Morancy Road first, Grange Hall Road second, Thorne Road third and then the upper part of Tunk Lake Road. Tucker Mountain Road its self is fine but the culvert needs to be fixed now.

The Town Manager is to contact a couple of the contractors that are on file and do work for the Town to give some quotes to get the culvert repaired on Tucker Mountain Road.

14. Road Maintenance Road Selection: see above comments from Michael Hosking. This and the Tree Trimming is to be tabled until the next meeting.
15. Budget Committee:

Gerald Erbes, and John Keenan volunteered to be on the Budget Committee. The Town Clerk prepared oaths for both individuals.

Norman Bamford moved to appoint Gerald Erbes and John Keenan. Motion failed.

Kimberly Brooks had a question if there was a conflict of interest if an individual is suing the Town. Mr. Erbes addressed Mrs. Brooks with a bit of hostility. As a result of that hostility Michael Hosking was not in favor of approving Mr. Erbes to the Budget Committee.

Norman Bamford amended his motion to appoint John Keenan and not to approve Gerald Erbes. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Town Clerk Grindle swore in Mr. John Keenan to serve on the Budget Committee.

16. Town Manager Reports:
    a) Town Manager:
        1. Discussed the submissions for Congressional Grants to Jared Golden, Susan Collins and Angus King. This is in hopes of getting some monies towards a new Fire House. He has gathered several letters of support from various organizations and surrounding Towns.
        2. He has had several companies reach out about paving for roads. Also, the Town has received grant money for a culvert study and when the weather has improved that will be put in motion.
        3. The Town Manager has reached out to DM&J about the Trailers on Moose Way. They will be going out to look and get back to about a quote. He noted that there isn't 2 but 3 trailers.
        4. Grace Riley has been difficult to reach and is not getting back to the Town Manager. He has asked Lynn Dunbar to try and reach Mrs. Riley and have her reach out to the Town Office.
        5. Cell Tower Fees- Currently in the ordinance states there is to be fees and currently there are no fees. The CEO is suggesting to set these amounts for the fees. Adjustment to a current tower should be $3,000.00 and New Towers to be $15,000.00 this is based on surrounding area communities.
17. Committee Reports:
    a) Age-Friendly Sullivan

Kimberly Brooks discussed highlights from her written report. Touching upon the amount of volunteer hours and the upcoming Earth Day roadside cleanup of Route 1. She also discussed the Coffee House and Ladies Out Lunching and how well that is going. She also discussed Music in the Park that will be Wednesdays in July this summer.

b) Parks and Recreation: Absent

18. Public Comment:
    a.) Gerald Erbes: Read a portion of Title 30-A he is concerned that the Town is not doing this properly about election of Select board members. The Select board and Mr. Keenan tried to explain how he was taking things our of context.
    b.) John Keenan: Expressed his concerns about how the Town Meeting is conducted. He also asked about publishing the Treasurers warrant for people to see. The Town Manager will look into what other Towns are doing.
19. Board Comment: No comments made
20. Action Item List: moved to the next meeting.
21. **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

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21. Adjournment of Meeting

Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4766949799?omn=87423688522
Meeting ID: 476 694 9799

Age-Friendly Sullivan Update for Sullivan Select Board Meeting on 3/16/26
Prepared by Kimberly Brooks

Activity and Volunteer Summary for February 1-28, 2026

Program/Activities for the Month	Total Hours*	Residents Served**
Sand Bucket Brigade	19.5	80
Circle of Friends- Birthday Cards	21	80
Bone Builders	20	51
Community Connector- Resident services	22	13
Ladies Out Lunching	8	18
Coffee House	15	15
Commodity Food Boxes - EAAA	8	6
Monthly Meetings	13	11
Other	80	24
Total	**206.5**	**298**

* Total Hours include Volunteer & AFS Team hours
**Some residents counted more than once if services were provided multiple times

General Updates

- The Sand Bucket Brigade was out helping the community twice during February and served over 39 homes 2 or more times.
- The February Monthly Meeting was held on 2/4 with Guest Speaker Meghan Milliard of Eastern Area Agency on Aging. She discussed the support services EAAA has for Caregivers. There were 11 people in attendance.
- The monthly birthday card program provided 80 cards to adults in Sullivan.
- 6 monthly Commodity Food Boxes were picked up and delivered to Sullivan residents from EAAA.
- Assisted Rides Program has stabilized. We are working to recruit more drivers so that we can market the services and assist more community members. In February the program provided a total of 16 rides.
- Planning efforts have begun for Earth Day Clean up on April 25th.
- Music in the Park is being planned for 4 Wednesdays in July.
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Community Connector

- Misty Gleason worked with 14 residents in February with diverse needs including food, housing and heat.
- Misty has continued coordinating frozen meals for community members stored at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center. She was able to collect and freeze left overs from the Library Fundraiser and other community events.
- Coffee House is seeing regular participation at the twice monthly meetings, ranging from 6 -9 people at each session. The session on February 20 included a demonstration the echo dot and she received 4 applications.
- Ladies out Lunching (LOL) was held at the Black Sheep Restaurant with with 18 attendees on 2/13. This remains a strong and popular program.

Age-Friendly Sullivan in the News

- Ellsworth American - - Event Notice for February Monthly Meeting
- Lifelong Maine - Published an article in their newsletter highlighting the process executed by Candy Eaton to successfully transition leadership of Age-Friendly Sullivan.

Communications, Website and Social Media

- February Town Crier Articles (2 each)- Community Connector Update for programs and Age-Friendly update for Upcoming meetings.
- Website updated with Monthly Meeting agenda and minutes.
- Press Releases sent to media and legislators- Monthly Meetings
- Flyers created and shared for Monthly Meetings, Ladies out Lunching and Coffee House. Flyers are shared on social media and to local bulletin boards.
- Daily FB posts are created with automatic posting to town webpage.
- Our social media outreach continues to grow with more followers, views and content engagement.

Monthly Facebook Statistics

	Followers	Views	Content Engagement
November	600	4529	369
December	605	9111	376
January	618	17,237	462
February	626	20,200	671

Upcoming Activities/Events

- **Tues/Thursdays:** 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders
- **4/1 AFS monthly meeting:** Guest Speaker Jason Parent, CEO of Community Action of Aroostok, Washington and Hancock County. He will discuss the services provided by their newly reorganized program.
- **Coffee House** - March 20, April 3 &17, May 1 &15 10am -noon - Coffee and Conversation get togethers for everyone at Town Office. March 20 meeting will include a discussion on AI.
- **Ladies out Lunching** Noon - 1:00 - April 10th at Musquito Harbor Brewing and May 8th at Black Sheep Restaurant
- **Earth Day Clean Up** - April 25th. Currently Recruiting Volunteers.
- **Music in the Park** - 4 Wednesdays in July. Musicians to be announced.