# Sullivan Select Board
# Meeting Minutes
# April 21, 2026

**Selectmen:** Norman Bamford, Gregory Ring, and Michael Hosking
**Town Manager:** Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
**Audience:** John Keenan, Michael Pinkham I, Sharon Baron, Christy Woodcock , Ariell Morong, Gary Edwards and Don Snoke(via Zoom).

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
   The Meeting was called to Order by Michael Hosking with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.
2. Review of Selectboard Policy
   Michael Hosking 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 change the agenda to reflect the changes to item #7 that it's a presentation not finalization of the budget 26/27. Michael Hosking Seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Michael Hosking moved to approve the 3-16-2026 minutes as presented. Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Michael Hosking moved to approve the 04-06-2026 minutes as presented Greg Ring seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

5. Treasurers Warrant

A.) Payroll Warrant for 04-10-26 $13,220.32

Norman Bamford moved to approve the Payroll Warrant for 3-14-26, 3-20-26 and 3-27-26. Michael Hosking Seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

B.) A/P Warrant 04/21/2026 in the amount of $22,905.47

Norman Bamford moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant for 4-21-26. Michael Hosking Seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

New Business:

6. Arielle Morong Families First Community Center

Arielle Morong gave a brief overview of the services offered at First Community Center and took a few questions from the Selectboard and Audience Members.

7. Presentation of F/Y 07-01-26/06-30-27 Town Budget

The Town Manager presented his proposed budget for F/Y 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027 for the Selectboards review along with a Draft of the Warrant for the Town Meeting June 22, 2026.
John Keenan stated that the Budget Committee is working on completing their version of the budget.

8. Warrant for Annual Meeting 06-22-2026

Town Manager asked the Town Clerk if any changes needed to be done on the Warrant for the June Town Meeting. She noted that the times needed to be added on the greeting to the Town.

Old Business:

9. Tree Trimming

The Town Manager had talked with Rob Marshall about doing the tree trimming and he said he didn't have the correct equipment. The Selectboard requested the Town Manager prepare a Proposal for publishing in the Ellsworth American to finish the Tree Trimming from the previous year(2025). To be published for 2 weeks. Also, it was noted and requested to put notification out to residents of the road before the trimming occurs.

10. Road Maintenance (Road Selection)

The Town Manager reported that the culvert assessment report will be ready for the May 4th meeting of the Selectboard.

Gregory Ring stated that he had spoke with Eaton Paving and they told him they would stand by the quote they gave us last years contract. This opened up the discussion of having Morancy resurfaced or skim coated.
The Selectboard requested the Town Manager research what it would cost to have sweeping done on the Town's Roads.

11. Livestock Ordinance

After a lengthy conversation with Sharon Barron and a statement from Christie Woodcock about the goats and sheep not being contained to their owner's property causing risk of vehicle accidents and or injury to persons. ACO has been contacted. Ms. Barron expressed her frustrations with the lack of adequate communication from the ACO and other law enforcement on this issue.
The Selectboard asked that the ACO meet with the Selectboard.

12. Personnel Policy – Tabled until May 18, 2026 meeting.

Town Manager Reports:

a) Town Manager – Town Manager stated he had covered everything under New and Old Business
b) Cannabis Committee

Town Manager stated that we are waiting to hear back from Legal on the ordinance.

13. Committee Reports

A.) Cemetery Committee

Gary Edwards updated the Selectboard on the organization of the Cemetery Committee. They have been working on creating notebooks for each Cemetery and these are almost completed.
Flags and new flag holders are all set to be put out on the Veterans graves before Memorial Day. The Town Manager showed the new cast aluminum holders.

B.) Parks and Recreation – Skatepark design update. Absent

14. Public Comment

John Keenan expressed his views on the road maintenance and that it might be better to do the roads now than later as some towns may hold back. This maybe to the Towns advantage. He also suggested that the next time the road salt and sand / plowing contract comes up maybe to put in a clause to they are to clean up the excess sand at the end of the year.

15. Board Comment

Michael Hosking asked that the Town Office be sure to put in the Town Crier and on the Facebook Page about the 2nd payment date for the 2025 real estate taxes. He would like it to be a monthly reminder.

16. Action Item List

Michael Hosking asked about the status of the maintenance to the wharfs. The Town Manager stated that we are waiting to hear back from Donnie Tozier.
Road signs Michael Hosking asked about the status of this on the action list. Greagory Ring says he has the list and he will be working on this.
Tents in the Park Michael Hosking asked on the status of this, the Town Manager stated that he and the Parks and Rec have arranged to have Grand Rental to come out and put them up in May.
Norman Bamford moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M Grindle
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Agenda – April 21, 2026 5:30pm
Sullivan Town Office
Community Room

**Items that are in BOLD require motions and voted on by the Board**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
2. Review of Selectboard Policy
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
4. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes(March 16, 2026 and for April 6, 2026)**
5. **Treasurers Warrant**
   a) **Payroll Warrant**
   b) **A/P Warrant**

New Business:

6. Arielle Morong Families First Community Center
7. **Finalization of F/Y 07-01-26/06-30-27 Town Budget**
8. **Warrant for Annual Meeting 06-22-2026**

Old Business:

9. **Tree Trimming**
10. **Road Maintenance (Road Selection)**
11. **Livestock Ordinance**
12. **Personnel Policy**

Town Manager Reports:

   a) Town Manager
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13. Committee Reports
   A.) Cemetery Committee
   B.) Cannabis Committee
   C.) Parks and Recreation – Skatepark design update.
14. Public Comment
15. Board Comment
16. Action Item List
17. **Move to Executive Session**
   a) **Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records**
18. **Move to Regular Meeting Session**
19. **Executive Session Actions**
20. **Adjournment of Meeting**

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

## §4042. Stray livestock

**1. Ownership of livestock unknown.** If the ownership of any stray livestock cannot be established, the livestock must be handled as a stray and an animal control officer shall seize, impound or restrain the livestock and:

A. Deliver the livestock to an animal shelter, farm or holding facility that is capable of safely containing the number, type and size of the livestock; or [PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).]

B. Arrange for the safe confinement of the livestock at a location designated by the municipality in which the livestock was found. [PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).]

[PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).]

**2. Municipal procedure for stray livestock.** A municipality shall retain custody of stray livestock under subsection 1 for a period of 10 days. The municipality is responsible for ensuring the proper care of the livestock while confined, including providing proper sustenance, shelter and necessary medical care. If ownership of the stray livestock is not claimed by any person, after 10 days, ownership of the livestock vests with the municipality or an animal shelter designated by the municipality, and the municipality or designated animal shelter may sell, adopt, give away or humanely euthanize the stray livestock. A municipality may reimburse a farm, holding facility or animal shelter for the care and housing of stray livestock pursuant to this section at the same rates as in section 3919-C. For purposes of this section, "municipality" includes a county under Title 30-A, section 7501 if the stray livestock has been found in the unorganized territory of that county.

[PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).]

For purposes of this section, "livestock" does not include feral swine or domesticated cervids. [PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2019, c. 437, §6 (NEW).

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**§4041. Animal trespass**

**1. Definitions.**
[PL 1999, c. 254, §15 (RP).]

**1-A. Trespass.** An owner or keeper of an animal may not allow that animal to enter onto or remain on the property of another or unattended on any local, county or state road or highway after the owner or keeper has been informed by a law enforcement officer, authorized employee of the department or animal control officer that that animal was found on that property or on that local, county or state road or highway.
[PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

**2. Removal.** The owner or keeper of an animal is responsible, at the owner's or keeper's expense, for removing any animal found trespassing. An animal control officer, authorized employee of the department or law enforcement officer may, at the owner's or keeper's expense, remove and control an animal found trespassing if:

A. The owner or keeper fails to remove the animal after having been notified by an animal control officer, authorized employee of the department or law enforcement officer that the animal was trespassing; or [PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

B. The animal is an immediate danger to itself, persons or another's property. [PL 1999, c. 254, §15 (AMD).]
[PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

**3. Civil violation.** A person commits a civil violation if an animal owned or kept by that person is found trespassing and:

A. That person fails to remove the animal within 12 hours, or immediately if public safety or private or public property is threatened, after having been personally notified by an animal control officer, authorized employee of the department or law enforcement officer that the animal was trespassing; or [PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

B. [PL 1999, c. 254, §15 (RP).]

C. That person owns an animal or animals that have been found trespassing on 5 or more days within a 30-day period or 3 or more days within a 7-day period. [PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (NEW).]
[PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

**4. Fines.** A person who violates this section is subject to the following fines.

A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $500 must be adjudged. [PL 2013, c. 348, §1 (NEW).]

B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having committed a violation of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of $1,000 must be adjudged. [PL 2013, c. 348, §1 (NEW).]

C. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having committed 2 or more violations of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of $2,500 must be adjudged. [PL 2013, c. 348, §1 (NEW).]
[PL 2013, c. 348, §1 (RPR).]

**4-A. Restitution; court costs and fees.** In addition to fines, the court may as part of the sentencing include an order of restitution for costs incurred in removing and controlling the animal. When appropriate, the court may order restitution to the property owner based on damage done and financial loss. Any restitution ordered and paid must be deducted from the amount of any judgment awarded in a civil action brought by the property owner against the owner or keeper of the animal based on the same facts. When an owner or keeper violates this section 3 or more times within a 90-day period, the

court shall order restitution of all costs incurred by the department in responding to a violation of this section or assisting an animal control officer or law enforcement officer responding to a violation of this section. Upon application of the department, municipality or law enforcement agency enforcing this section, the owner or keeper of the animal must also pay reasonable court costs and attorney's fees of the department, municipality or law enforcement agency if the department, municipality or law enforcement agency is the prevailing party in any court proceeding.
[PL 2013, c. 348, §2 (NEW).]

**4-B. Forfeiture.** If the department, a municipality or a law enforcement agency determines that a repeated violation of this section by an owner or keeper of an animal jeopardizes the public health, welfare or safety of the community, the department, municipality or law enforcement agency may bring a forfeiture action in the county in which the violations occurred under Title 14, section 506. In an action brought under this subsection, the burden of proof is on the department, municipality or law enforcement agency. If a court determines that a repeated violation of this section jeopardizes the public health, welfare or safety of the community, the court may order any animal that is the subject of the violation sold in a commercially reasonable manner and apply the proceeds to any fine, fee, restitution or cost owed by the owner or keeper under this section with any remaining balance returned to the owner or keeper of the animal.
[PL 2013, c. 348, §2 (NEW).]

**5. Exemption.** A person is not liable under this section if, at the time of the alleged trespass, that person was licensed or privileged to allow the animal to be on the property.
[PL 1999, c. 254, §15 (AMD).]

**6. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Animal" does not include cats. [PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (NEW).]

B. "Authorized employee of the department" means a humane agent or any other employee of the department designated by the commissioner to assist with compliance and enforcement of this section. [PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 91 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 351, §5 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 104, §1 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 690, §§47-49 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 254, §15 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 15, §1 (AMD). PL 2007, c. 439, §§29, 30 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 548, §§4, 5 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 18, §1 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 348, §§1, 2 (AMD).

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