Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Selectmen: Norman Bamford(arrived @ 5:40 PM), Gregory Ring, and Michael Hosking
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
Audience: Misty Gleason, Allen Doughty, Tim Doughty, John Keenan, Barbara Shanahan, James McGowean III, Michael Pinkham I, Alex Sousa, Logan Pung, Jerry Erbes, Bill Procko, Emma Doughty, Dan Dougherty, Walker Child, Rhiannon Foster, John Ho, Josh Worden, Kelly Sheehan, Tobey Sheehan, Gary Edwards, Sheal Dedmon, Kim Brooks, Kimberly Procko, Sam Klein and William Procko.

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 for review.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda- No adjustments made.
4. Approval of the Minutes

Michael Hosking moved to approve the 05-04-2026 minutes as presented. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

5. Treasurers Warrant

A.) Payroll Warrant for 05-08-26 $13,025.45

Michael Hosking moved to approve the Payroll Warrant for 05-08-26. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

B.) A/P Warrant 05/18/2026 in the amount of $265,778.89

Michael Hosking moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant for 05/18/2026. Gregory Ring Seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Norman Bamford arrived as the vote for this item was being conducted so he did not vote on this item.

<u>New Business:</u>

6. Alewives Report

Allen Doughty brought forth an proposal to extend his contract for 5 more years. After a brief discussion the Selectboard decided to table this to the June 1, 2026 meeting.

7. Flanders Bay BBQ liquor license renewal

Norman Bamford noted that there not being any complaints or issues with Flanders Bay BBQ in the past year or before that he saw no issues with allowing Flanders Bay BBQ to renew their liquor license.

Norman Bamford moved to approve the liquor license for Flanders Bay BBQ. Gregory Ring seconded the motion and it passed 2/0.

Michael Hosking recused himself from voting.

<u>Old Business:</u>

8. Town Manager Reports:
   a) Town Manager
      1. Grace Riley- She contacted the Town Manager to let him know that the property on US Highway 1 has been sold and that 2 of the vehicles has been removed and the camper will be removed soon.
      2. Handicap Entrance for the Town Office entrance- The Town Manager will be reaching out to a couple of contractors that was referred to him by an individual with in the Town. As it was put out for bid and no one submitted any bids.

3. Grant for the Fire House- Susan Collins office reached out to give an update on the grant that was submitted for the new fire house. They stated that the grant has been moved forward to go to Washington D.C. to be voted upon.

9. Sullivan Fire/EMS- Submitted a written report(see attached report).
10. Committee Reports
    a) Parks and Rec – Skatepark project

Bill Procko addressed the Selectboard, he shared a written proposal with a plan and breakdown of the plan to raise the monies needed to do the upgrades to the John-Michael Christopher Boucar Memorial Skatepark.(see attached report and presentation).

Norman Bamford moved to approve the plans and to go forward to obtain grants and in-kind donations to fund the skatepark project. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

    b) Cemetery Committee

Gary Edwards reported that the Cemetery's are almost ready for Memorial Day. Flags and the holders were being handed out on Monday May 18, 2026. The Cemetery Committee was working on doing up dates and creating more plots at Birch Tree Cemetery.

11. Public Comment

Jerry Erbes asked who was doing the grant work. Gary Edwards stated he was working on the Major grant in partnership with HCPC. Jerry Erbes also suggested that lights and Security cameras be part of the plan at the Skatepark. He also discussed the Election Debate from the previous weekend.

Barbara Shanahan reminded people of a meeting at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center on June 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm. Downeast Maine National Heritage Area June 2026 Community Discussions The Downeast Maine National Heritage Area

John Keenan had a few concerns about the design and the perception of a drop off. It was explained it wasn't a drop off but a grass slope at that area of the skate park design. He also asked for a formal letter of apology from Gregory Ring for a comment made during the Town Managers Report that appeared to campaign for Susan Collins. The Town Clerk agreed a letter should be written and she would address this issue with Mr. Ring.

12. Board Comment

Michael Hosking asked about not having a second meeting in June due to the Annual Meeting the week after.

Michael Hosking moved to not have a meeting on June 15, 2026, Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Gregory Ring expressed concern about the speed of the EMS going through the Sullivan / Sorrento Curve area by the Black Sheep Restaurant.

13. Action Item List
    a. Animal Control issue- Michael Hosking asked about the status of this. The Town Manager has reached out to the ACO and this is still a work in progress.
    b. Tree Trimming- Michael Hosking noted that the RFP has gone out for publication in the Ellsworth American
    c. Eaton Paving- Michael Hosking asked for an update on the quote for the work on the Morancy Road. Greg reported he had forwarded the quote to the Town Manager for review

and asked if he had received the email. The Town Manager found it in his email and printed it out for the Selectboard to review for discussion at the next Selectboard Meeting

14. Move to Executive Session

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 the motion passed 3/0.

15. Move to Regular Meeting Session

Norman Bamford moved to return into Regular Session. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

16. Executive Session Actions

The Selectboard took no action on the item presented to them in the executive session.

17. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M. Grindle
Town Clerk

Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Approval of the Minutes
from the May 18,2026
Selectboard Meeting

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Norman Bamford **Michael Hosking**

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Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 05-18-2026**
- **Alewives' proposal**
- **Fire / EMS Report**
- **Skatepark proposal, design and funding proposal.**

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Agenda – May 18, 2026 5:30pm
Sullivan Town Office
Community Room

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
2. Review of Selectboard Policy
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes(May 04, 2026)
5. Treasurers Warrant
   a) Payroll Warrant for 05/08/2026
   b) A/P Warrant 05/18/2026

New Business:

6. Alewives Report
7. Flanders Bay BBQ liquor license renewal

Old Business:

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   a) Town Manager
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    a) Parks and Rec – Skatepark project
    b) Cemetery Committee
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Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4766949799?omn=87423688522
Meeting ID: 476 694 9799

Alewife Contract Extension Proposal
Date: 5/18/26

Dear Selectboard Members,

I am writing this proposal in regards to my 5 year alewife contract in Flanders stream that ends in 2028. After countless hours of clearing the path from Flanders bay to Flanders pond assuring the alewives were able to make it into the pond, breed, and get back out of the pond and also make sure the juvenile fish have been able to make it back to the ocean, I would like to extend my contract until 2033.

The juvenile alewives that come back out of the pond return to the same pond 4 years later. The two others that work with me have worked tirelessly to keep the stream clear in order for the fish to go back and forth. This includes breaking beaver dams, trapping beavers, removing other debris or obstacles. We have spent the last two winters slowing down the beavers making it much easier for the fish to get in and out. That being said I only end up benefitting from my own fish in the fifth year.

The last fisherman to hold the lease on the brook was able to have the brook for 10 years all together. I believe that I have put the work in and deserve to receive the same extension.

As you can imagine it is a bit tough to put in the work and the hours knowing that as of right now there is a possibility that I am only setting up the next person for really good fishing.

I also believe that with the many hours of work that we have put in the town is financially going to benefit greatly over the coming years due the amount of fish we have let in and managed to get back out.

I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Thank you,

Allen Doughty

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE SKATEPARK RENOVATION PRESENTATION

1. INTRODUCTION
2. NEED FOR SKATEPARK RENOVATION
3. 3D RENDERING - CONCEPT DESIGN
4. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE AND PHASING
5. FUNDRAISING PLAN
6. Q & A

Need for Skatepark Upgrade to Concrete, Explained:

Cons of Metal Ramps and asphalt surfaces for skateparks:

- **Safety Hazards:** Metal sheets can lift at the edges, creating dangerous gaps that catch wheels and cause falls.
- **Extreme Temperatures:** Surfaces become dangerously hot to touch or fall on, during summer months, often exceeding 145 degrees.
- **High Maintenance:** Requires frequent upkeep to address loosening bolts and deteriorating structural integrity due to uneven terrain.
- **Noisy:** Metal ramps create loud, echoing sounds upon impact, which can disturb nearby park visitors.
- **Slippery Surface:** With the slightest mist or moisture, metal surface becomes dangerously slick, reducing traction for skaters and BMX riders.
- **Asphalt** is rough, slow, damaging to modern skatepark wheels, and can grab at safety equipment during a fall.

The Tony Hawk Foundation (now known as "The Skatepark Project) no longer awards grants to metal ramp skateparks

Concrete Skatepark Benefits:

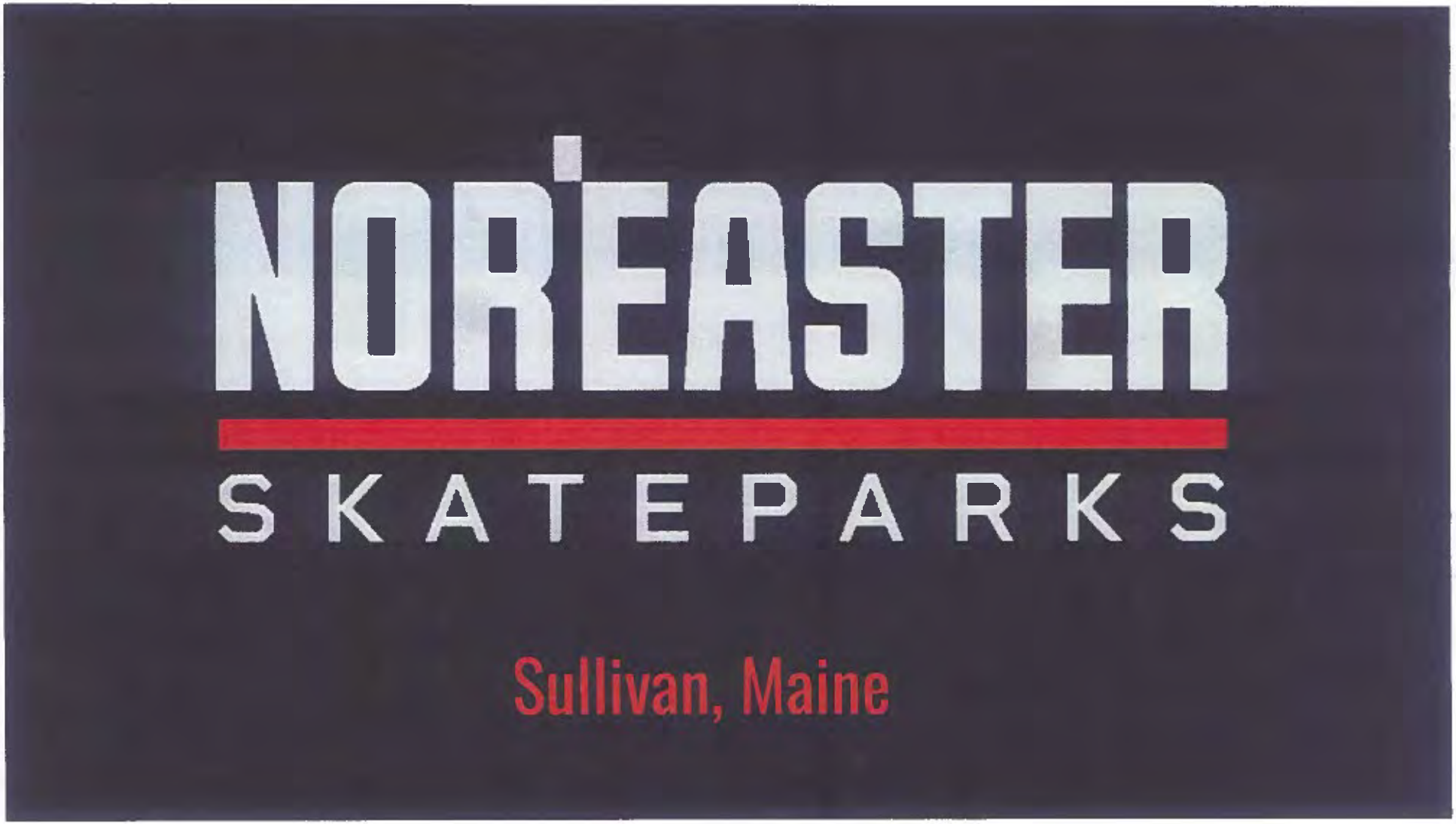
Concrete skateparks are now considered the gold standard for public facilities due to their extreme durability, low maintenance, and superior riding surface, offering a weather-resistant solution that can last decades. The oldest concrete skatepark in the United States is KONA Skatepark in Jacksonville, Florida, which was constructed in 1976, now in its 50th year.

Performance and Design Benefits

- **Superior Riding Surface**: Concrete provides a fast, stable, and solid feel that allows for better momentum and flow.
- **Unlimited Versatility**: Because concrete parks are sculpted using techniques like shot crete, designers can create aesthetically pleasing, flowing forms, like bowls and curved, banked runs, that are nearly impossible to replicate with other materials. Concrete parks provide an endless variety of directional lines of travel, flow and connectivity, rather than one linear pathway.

Long-Term Value for Communities

- **Low Maintenance Costs**: Once built, concrete parks require minimal upkeep.
- **Safety**: Professionally designed concrete parks are safer than modular metal ramps because they are seamless, reducing the risk of wheels catching on joints or loose parts.
- **Community Impact**: These parks often become the most-used facilities in a community providing a safe, designated space for riders of all ages.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CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATION NOTES

Our goal is to provide the Town of Sullivan with a reasonable estimation which is based on services provided. This estimate is based on quotes received specific to this project as well as comparable projects done by other qualified companies in the skatepark industry within the New England region. The Intent is to set a reasonable fundraising goal that can be used to solicit bids from qualified contractors.

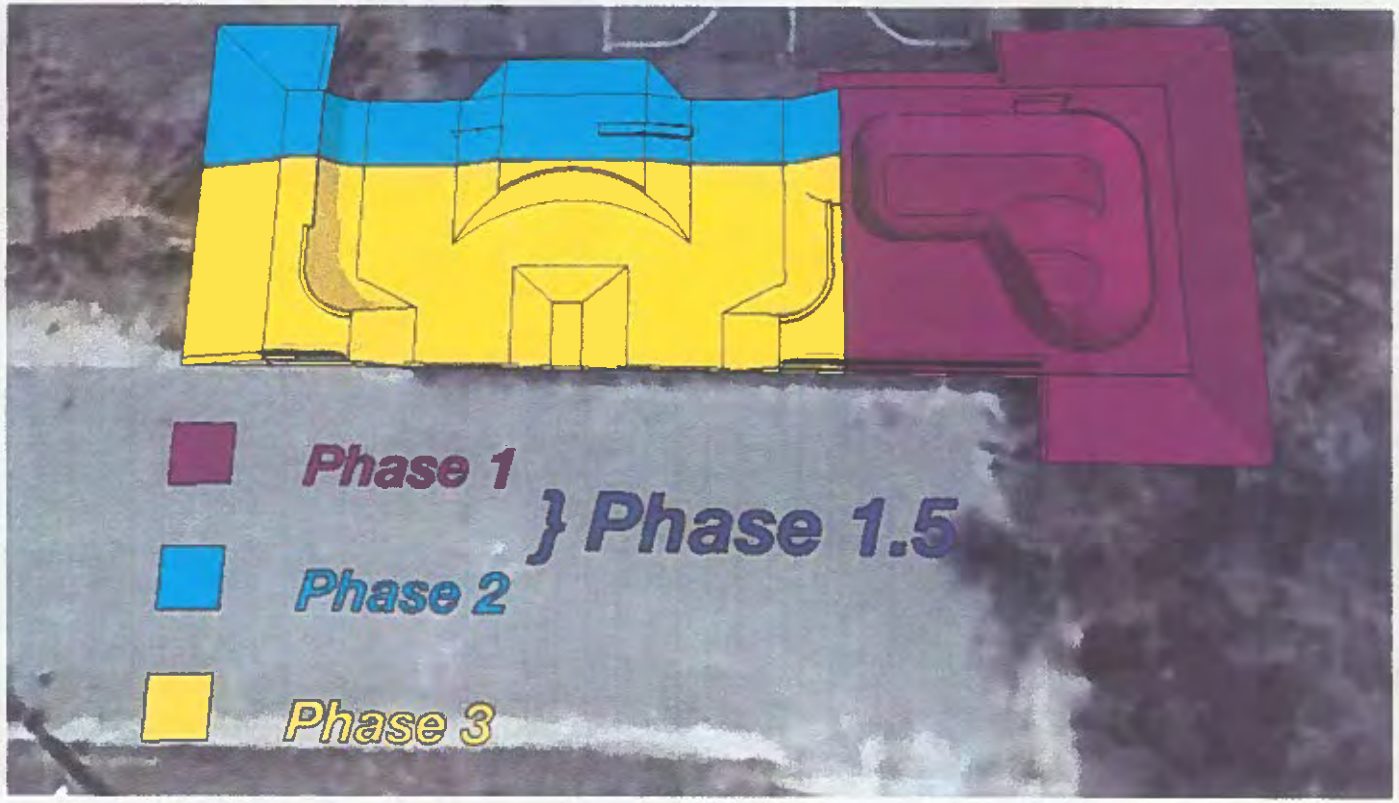
We have done due diligence in our estimation efforts based specifically on this concept design and would expect that any qualified firm bidding on the construction of this project would be within approximately 10-12% of the costs listed.

The timing of the project and time between phases could have substantial effect on costs incurred in a phased building approach.

POTENTIAL PHASING PLAN

Phase 1:
$157,080
Phase 1.5:
$248,740
Phase 2:
$104,100
Phase 3:
$234,650

COST ESTIMATE BY PHASING:
$485,830-495,830



2026 CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE FOR SINGLE PHASE BUILD

Conceptual Design	Paid	
Construction Documents	TBD	
Mobilization, Logistics, and Housing		$57,800.00
Sitework and Layout		$76,339.00
Plumbing		$24,889.00
Formwork		$36,280.00
Pool Coping Installation		$18,900.00
Steel Fabrication and Installation		$36,443.00
Rebar Installation		$32,200.00
Shotcrete and Concrete Finishing		$147,620.00
Sealing, Painting, and Finish Work		$8,760.00

$439,231.00

These prices are for estimating purposes only and are not an official bid

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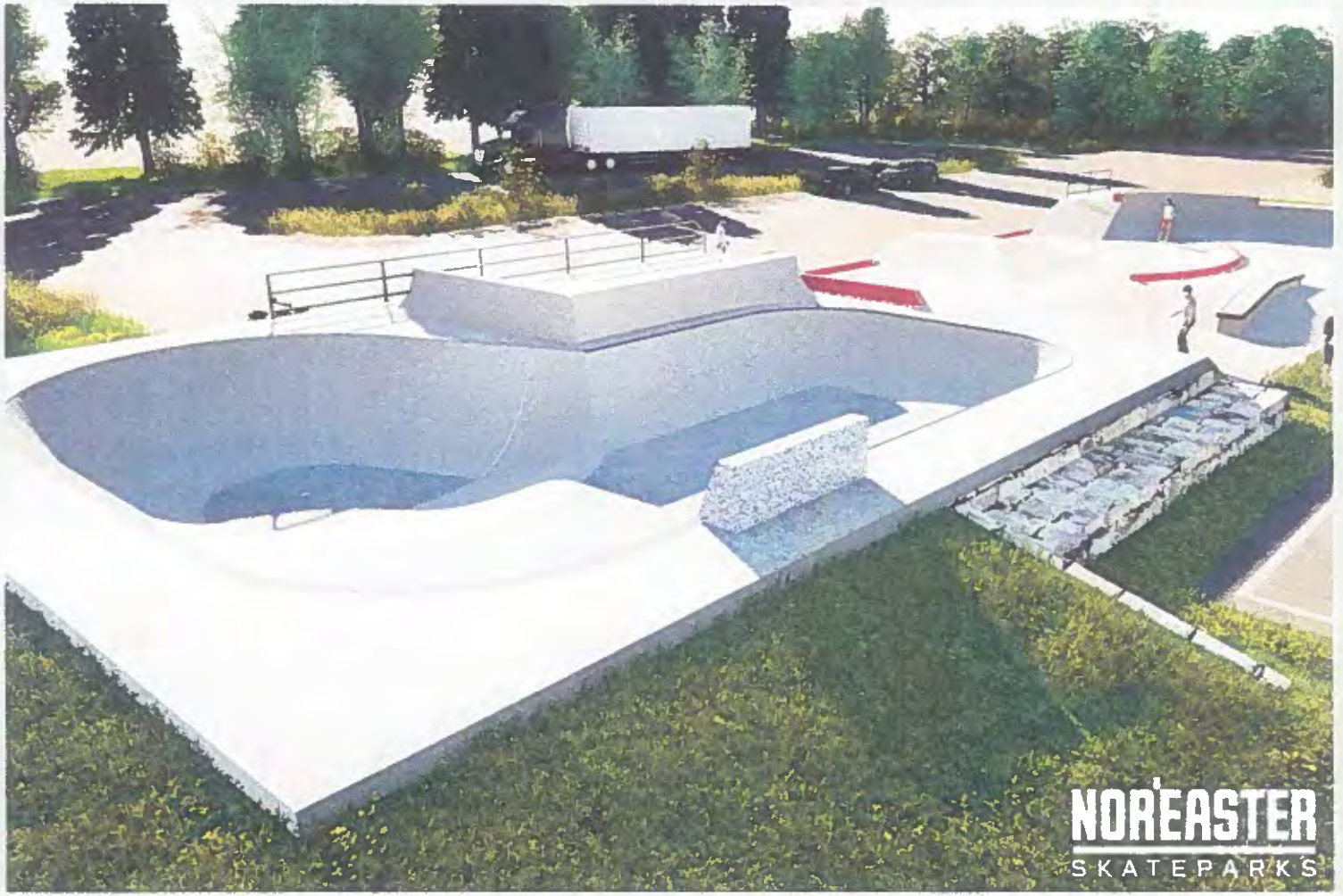
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Funding Plan:

Primarily through Grants, donations in kind, and business sponsorships.

***(LWCF)Land and Water Conservation Fund application for a $500,000 grant is underway.**

This is a *matching funds* grant:

$250,000 is needed from additional fundraising efforts, to receive the full $500,000

***Qualifying non federal funding sources towards the match*:**

Ollie Fund

Through (MCF) Maine Community Foundation.

Last Fall, The Ollie Fund awarded us a **$10,000** dollar skatepark design and fundraising grant through MCF.

The Ollie Fund has an extensive history of funding concrete skateparks in Maine:

Examples:

$37,000 dollar grant to the Augusta skatepark.

$35,000 grant to the Portland Skatepark.

$40,000 to the Hayford Skatepark in Bangor.

We plan to request an additional **$30-$40,000** in grant money from MCF/Ollie, for construction of the skatepark.

- **T-Mobil Hometown Community Grant**: **$50,000**
  Application deadline March 31 2027

- **Bangor Savings Health & Wellness Grant**: **$25,000**
  Application deadline October 1

- **Skatepark Project (Hawk Foundation): $10,000-$25,000**
  Application deadline typically January-March

- **Local Fundraising, (major business sponsorships**:
  $30,000

- **Potential In kind, materials that could be donated**:
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- ***Total of matching funds potential to date:***
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05/18/2026

April Calls Report

17 Medical

2 Accident

3 Fire

13 Mutual Aid

1 Transport

Note: Not all mutual aid calls have a response from us. Some we are on standby for another town while they are assisting another.

Calls are trending higher than normal as of late as Sullivan EMS is backing up Northern Light Medical Transport more frequently. So far for the month of May we have responded for and or transported at least 8 times for NLMT as they were unavailable.

People assume we as firefighters don't do anything but spend tax dollars. That couldn't be farther from the truth. (we are tax payers also). We are on the front lines day in and day out responding when able to someone's possibly worst day of their life.

We leave our families at the dinner table, at family gatherings, on holidays to respond. We do this out of love for our fellow neighbor. We crawl out of bed at 2 am when someone is having a medical emergency all while 98% of the town is cozy in their beds sleeping. We leave paying jobs to respond, (pay stops when we leave said job).

We as Fire / EMS personnel are on call 24/7 365. We can't always respond, but we do our best. If we get injured while on a volunteer call, chances are we won't be going to our regular jobs, hence lost income.

Let's not forget about the STRESS, TRAUMA, and PTSD that anyone who does this kind of work for any amount of time deals with on a daily basis. There are times we see things that only nightmares are made of. WE take this home with us, to our families, to our jobs, to everything we do. We aren't robots, we are only human. We do our best every day, every call, for every person that needs help. Most first responders wear this pain in some form or another. It's not always visible, but can pretty much be guaranteed it's there. We take pride in helping when, and where we can.

People think we just show up to the station when calls come in, go to the call, go home. They don't understand the extra that happens behind the scenes. Writing reports, running for supplies, restocking

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trucks, getting trucks ready for the next call, transporting trucks for maintenance, equipment testing, meetings, etc.

I know not everyone can or are willing to do the job, so I ask instead of beating the ones down that can, THANK THEM! A small ask for people that give so much of themselves to others.

If you have questions about something that you don't understand or concerns, please reach out, firechief@sullivanmaine.org. I'll do my best to respond in a timely manner.

Sullivan Fire Rescue is now a Child Seat Inspection & Distribution Site (partnership with Maine Bureau of Highway Safety)

Waiting on report from structural engineer on his station 1 visit.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Pinkham II

Fire Chief

Emergency Management Director

Sullivan Fire Rescue