Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
July20, 2026

Selectmen: Gregory Ring, and Michael Hosking and Michael Pinkham I
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
Audience: John Keenan, Cliff Salvamini, Sharon Baron, and Don Snoke, Cyndi Stanley, Allen Doughty, Cliff Doughty and Kimberly Brooks

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1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge

The Meeting was called to Order by Michael Hosking with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.

2. Election of Selectboard Vice-Chairman

Michael Hoskings moved to elect Michael Pinkham as the Vice-Chairman of the Selectboard. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

3. Review of Selectboard Policy: Michael Hosking reminded everyone that the Selectboard policy was available on the table by the sign-in sheet also that the audience was to raise their hand and when addressed to please state their name for the record.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda, Town Manager noted that there is no payroll warrant just the A/P .

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (July 06, 2026)

Michael Pinkham moved to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2026 meeting. Michael Hosking seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

6. Treasurers Warrant
   a) A/P Warrants ($275,868.79)

Michael Hosking moved to approve the Treasures A/P Warrant. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

New Business:

7. Rec Center Board

Cyndi Stanly clarified the rules about the Annual Town Meeting when it's held at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center. Specifically, who can and can't be allowed into the to the meeting and who may issue the trespass or who to trespass. She also noted that the $20,000 is deeply appreciated. Donald Snoke gave a breakdown of the financial aspects of the Recreation center (see attached sheet).

Old Business:

8. Road Maintenance (Upper Tunk Lake)

Gregory Ring noted that he as mentioned it to Eaton paving to have them take a look for giving an estimate on the scope and cost of the work. As of the Selectboard meeting they have not gotten back to Mr. Ring.

9. Update on approved paving project

Gregory Ring noted that as of the time of the meeting he had not heard from Eaton paving as to when they expect to be doing the work that has been contracted out with the company. He is in hopes that it's done before September. Mr. Ring also noted that that in regards to the paving at Gordon's wharf that is not a problem Eaton Paving does it all the time with no problems with the DEP.

10. Town Charter petition update

Mr. John Keenan noted that around 60% of the signatures have been obtained. He is in hopes of getting all them before the September deadline.

Michael Hosking discussed having the Selectboard vote to put the question on the ballot in November 2026.

Michael Hosking moved the adoption of a new Municipal Town Charter should be considered and provide an establishment charter committee to carry out that purpose. Gregory Ring seconded the motion.

Michael Pinkham stated he would like to have some discussion. The discussion was on the pros and cons of establishing the charter. Would it be easier to continue with creating policy(ices) or having a charter. Not adopting a charter allows for quicker actions with a charter you need to go to a Town Meeting. A Charter will limit the flexibility of the Selectboard to react. There is still a number of unanswered questions so after a lengthy discussion Michael Hosking rescinded his motion Gregory Ring withdrew his second of the motion. This has been tabled until the next Selectboard meeting August 3, 2026 in order to get the correct verbiage for the question and allowing more research to be done.

Reports:

11. Town Manager Report
    A. Presented the Public notices for the next meeting
    B. Logging Driver Operator Approval for the Fire Department. See attached report.
    C. The Town Manager noted that as of the meeting time the Fire Department had 41 calls since July 1, 2026.
    D. Marni Dedmon requested the Frank Dedmon Sign from Station 2 on Tunk Lake Fire Station. Did the Selectboard mind giving her the old sign. The Selectboard agreed that this would be an appropriate action.
    E. Policy for Vehicle Town Vehicle usage.
       Michael Hosking moved to accept the policy. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, the motion passed 3/0.
    F. Spirit of America and Citizen of the Year Award nominations:
       The Town Manager noted that we have one person nominated (Bonnie Sparks for Spirit of America Award). The Selectboard agreed to that nomination.
    G. Telephone Poles at the Playground

The Town Manager suggested to keeping the poles in place. Allowing the ability to have electricity for Town events at that area.

H. The phone bill with Fidium has doubled. The Town Manager has reached out to Spectrum or the Company who does the Security Cameras at the Town office came within $5 of each other essentially cutting our cost by $300 a month. The Town Manger explained the benefits of switching companies. The Cost to replace or update the system. Just to replace just the hard drive of 900.00 to replace the cameras and add a camera to the RSU 24 Adult Ed end of the building would be $3,000.00. The Selectboard agreed that with the savings on the phone bill that installing the new camera system and adding a camera at the RSU 24 Adult Ed entrance would be the best course of action to take.

I. Cameras at the Tunk Lake Fire House (Station 2) quote for the new system. There are features that can be added in such as temperature and open-door sensors. The quote for the new installation is $4000.00 for 3 cameras. The Town Manager asked what action they wanted to have him take. The Selectboard discussed where the monies would come out and it was decided that it would come out of the fire departments budget. The Selectboard agreed it would be a wise course of action to have the security cameras installed at Station 2 Tunk Lake Fire House.

12. Harbormaster

Allen Doughty addressed the Selectboard that the old lobster traps at Gordons wharf has been removed and taken to Steuben to a recycler. Allen Doughty also addressed his written report about the work to be done at the Sullivan Harbor boat ramp on Thursday July 23, 2026. Made note that the ramp would be close for a portion of the day and asked that a notice go on Facebook about the ramp being closed.

13. Committee Reports

a. Age Friendly Sullivan

Kimberly Brooks gave a written update and highlighted portions of the written report. She made special note on the Music in the Park on Wednesday coming.

b. Sullivan Daze

Yvette Grindle gave a written update; she highlighted that the Sullivan Daze Music has been covered by the Community sponsors. She also noted that there are over 30 vendors and around 15 demonstrators expected.

14. Public Comment

a. Sharon Baron had a question about the purchase of the property on US Highway 1; she had some concerns about the issues of the livestock and the lack of proper containment of said animals and the proximity to the playground.

b. John Keenan: Expressed his concerns about the Rec Center and was assured that was covered at the start of the meeting. He presented a FOIA to have access to the video so he could see the start of the meeting as he was late arriving. Mr. Keenan also asked about Marker 3 off the great neck that the Harbor Master to check to see if it is placed correctly. Mr. Keenan expressed the issues of Quid Quo Pro with Mr. Tozier wanting to do the work at the boat ramp in exchange for mooring fees covered for 2-3 years.

15. Board Comment No Comments

16. Action Item List

Michael Hoskings reviewed the action item list and noted the things being worked on.

17. Move to Executive Session

Michael Hosking made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

Entered into executive session at 6:35 PM.

18. Move to Regular Meeting Session

Michael Hosking moved to enter into regular session. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

Enter back into regular session at 6:55 PM

19. Executive Session Actions

Michael Hosking reported that 1 selectboard member going to talk to one of the Town residents and will report back at the next Selectboard meeting.

20. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M. Grindle
Town Clerk

Approval of the Minutes
from the July 20, 2026
Selectboard Meeting

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Michael Hosking **Michael Pinkahm I**

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Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 07-20-2026**
- **Harbor Master Report**
- **Age Friendly Report**
- **Sullivan Daze Report**

Sullivan Select Board
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Sullivan, Maine 04664
https://sullivanmaine.org/

Agenda – July 20, 2026 5:30pm
Sullivan Town Office
Community Room

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
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3. Review of Selectboard Policy
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Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4766949799?omn=87423688522
Meeting ID: 476 694 9799

Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center

Services FY-2026

Rec Center open 208 days	Frenchman's Bay Library open 208 days
Historical Society open 104 days	Thrift Store open 126 days
Provided $5,000+ subsidy to Library & Hist Soc.	Hosted 1 Town Meeting and 2 Committee Public Hearings
Hosted 3 free public suppers and 3 public parties	Hosted 4 Adult Ed events, 1AE class, & 1 RSU testing day
Provided $8,250 to Sullivan Pet Fund	Community room hosted 52 AA meetings
Hosted 5 yoga classes, & 5 home schooler days	Hosted 4 craft fairs and 3 auctions
Hosted 2 Fire Dept Mtgs, 3 Marine Res. Mtgs.	Hosted 2 Byway events and 1 DownEast Heritage event
Hosted 2 library craft/bake sales	Served as warming center 5 times during winter
Served as cooling center during Sullivan Daze	Provided public water-supply water during power outages
Hosted 1 day of AARP tax help	Hosted Sullivan Daze breakfast & 2 SSHS programs
Hosted library fundraiser	Parking lot hosted 2 skate events, 1 byway celebration
Parking lot hosted 1 trunk sale, six yard sales	Served as reunification ctr - town/county emergency plans
Hosted Age-Friendly-Sullivan walking trail	Hosted quilter group
Hosted walkers group	hosted music lessons

Private parties: 15 birthdays, 3 funerals, 1 class reunion, 1 benefit supper, 1 baby shower

In addition, the Rec Center strives to enhance the local sense of community. We are an all-volunteer organization, and during the past year our volunteers have contributed 3,114 hours of unpaid time. Independent Sector and the University of Maryland calculate that for 2026 that represents over $112,000 worth of volunteer labor.

TOWN OF SULLIVAN

Sullivan Fire & Rescue Command Vehicle Policy

Purpose and Scope

This policy provides guidelines for the use of a Fire / EMS command vehicle by use of the Sullivan Fire & Rescue Chiefs, and other Fire Department personnel.

A command vehicle will be equipped with a Fire Department radio for communicating with the dispatch center, and will provide the dispatch center with an ETA if the response time is going to be delayed.

A command vehicle will be equipped with appropriate Code 3 audible and visible warning devices, in order to respond in emergency mode.

Vehicle Use

Use of a command vehicle in emergency and non-emergency situations is critical for staff to manage the functions of the Department, and to assist with calls from our mutual aid partners.

The Sullivan Fire & Rescue Chiefs may use an appropriately equipped command vehicle in the discharge of duties, and to the extent that he/she deems appropriate in order to maintain radio contact and subject to call anywhere within the Fire District, while performing public, personal, or Fire Department business.

The Sullivan Fire & Rescue Chiefs may use the command vehicle for out of area travel when conducting Fire Department business, trainings, functions etc. Because the Sullivan Fire & Rescue Chiefs are expected, when able, to respond immediately to emergency calls at all hours of the day and night, inadvertent personal use of the command vehicle is anticipated and approved by the Selectmen as it is in the best interest of the public.

Fire Department personnel may use the command vehicle for Fire Department business, as deemed appropriate by the Sullivan Fire & Rescue Chiefs.

Safety and Requirements of Drivers

A. All Fire Department personnel operating a Town vehicle must possess a valid Drivers' License, and be insurable.
B. All Fire Department personnel must wear a seatbelt at all times when riding in a Town vehicle as a driver or passenger.
C. There is no smoking permitted in any Fire Department vehicle.
D. In the event of ANY accident involving a Fire Department vehicle, the driver must immediately notify the police, Town administration, and the auto insurance company.
E. At no time will a Town employee leave the scene of an accident involving a Fire Department vehicle without a police response to the scene.
F. Members of the public may be transported in a command vehicle if necessary to conduct Fire Department business, or in an effort to maintain response readiness.

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Sullivan Fire & Rescue Command Vehicle Policy

Approved by;

Mike Pinkham II **Fire Chief**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**
Ryan Daley **EMS Chief**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**
Ray Weintraub **Town Manager**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**

Adopted by the Selectboard

Mike Hosking **Selectboard Chair**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**
Greg Ring **Selectboard**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**
Mike Pinkham **Selectboard Chair**	_____ **Signature**	_____ **Date**

Harbor Master Report July 20, 2026

- Rough Estimate for fixing Boat Ramp behind Dunbars due to the damage from barge use in 2025.

- Work will be done by Donny Tozier and crew, and myself.

- 5-8 yards of 4' Rip Rap to smooth out the base of the ramp to make launching easier around low water. 4' Rip Rap $35 per yard from Macquinns gravel in ellsworth, $175-280

- Donny would like to trade 1-2 years worth of mooring fees for his use of an excavator and his time depending on how much time it takes while he is there. He has two moorings and lives out of town so it would equal between $400-800.

- Donny will also be moving fallen rocks along the side of the boat ramp back into place to help reinforce the structure of the ramp.

- Folsom concrete will refill cracks in the granite rocks and along the sides of the ramp to help reinforce the structure. I am still waiting on a price estimate for this, 3 years ago it cost $900 to have it done. Rough estimate $900-$1500

- Overall rough estimate for boat ramp repair- $1,475-$2,580

Age-Friendly Sullivan Update for Sullivan Select Board Meeting on 7/20/26- Prepared by Kimberly Brooks

Activity and Volunteer Summary for June 1-30, 2026

Program/Activities for the Month	Total Hours*	Residents Served**
Circle of Friends- Birthday Cards	20	90
Bone Builders	47	64
Assisted Rides	31	19
Ladies Out Lunching	3	14
Coffee House	8	10
Monthly Meetings	8	8
Commodity Food Boxes - EAAA	7	8
Community Connector- Resident services	53	5
Music in the Park- Does not include July Data	5	0
Community Garden	23	5
Other	40	6
Total	**245**	**229**

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

General Updates & Highlights

- Music in the Park promotions continued in June and preparations were set for July performances. The three performances to date in July have attracted approximately 100 attendees each evening. Final performance is schedule for Wed, July 22nd with Banned from Eden.
- The June Monthly Meeting was held on 6/3 and the Guest Speaker was Kit Lane of Window Dressers. There were 8 attendees. No meeting was held in July.
- The monthly birthday card program provided 90 cards to adults in Sullivan during June. Nadine Murphy continues to provide mini paintings with all cards.
- 7 monthly Commodity Food Boxes were picked up and delivered to Sullivan residents from EAAA. This work is supported by Sullivan volunteers.
- Assisted Rides Program primarily services 1 household of 2 people and provided 18 shared rides to them. One new rider was added with one ride.
- The Community Garden is underway and the community beds are looking great. The team committed approximately 22 hours of volunteer time in June and have already distributed food to residents.

Community Connector

- Misty Gleason continues assistance to a community member after a fire at their home. She continues to help 3 households with USDA grants/loans and 4 with food insecurity. One household will receive a new furnace with the support of a USDA Grant after over 18 months of processing.
- Coffee House met twice, with 5 attendees eat each session. The session on June 19 included a discussion on Solo Aging lead by Misty.
- Ladies out Lunching (LOL) was held at Flanders Bay BBQ with with 14 attendees on 6/12.

Communications, Website and Social Media

- February Town Crier Articles (2 each)- Community Connector Update for programs and Age-Friendly update for Upcoming events.
- Press Releases sent to media and legislators- June Monthly Meeting
- Age-Friendly Sullivan in the News: Ellsworth American meeting notice and article. Music in the Park was featured on WABI on 7/10 with an interview of Kimberly Brooks.
- Flyers created and shared for Music in the Park, 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. June was a light month for social media engagement as we had no large events, however we are still trending higher than previous years and our following continues to grow. July month to date statistics are very high being driven by Music in the park content.

Monthly Social Media(Facebook)Statistics

	Followers	Views	Content Engagement
November 2025	600	4529	369
December	605	9111	376
January	618	17,237	462
February	626	20,200	671
March	635	16,700	547
April	641	17,700	726
May	650	18,400	529
June	657	12,800	271
July Month to Date as of 7/20	670	22,300	678

Upcoming Activities/Events

- **Tues/Thursdays:** 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders
- **Age-Friendly Sullivan monthly meetings** are held the First Wednesday of each month from 9-10am at the Town Office- 8/5- Guest Speaker will be Hospice of Hancock County
- **Coffee House** - The 1st & 3rd Fridays each month 10am-noon at Town office. Aug 7 & 21 Everyone is invited.
- **Ladies out lunching-** August 14 at the Black Sheep Restaurant
- **Music in the Park** - 5:00-7:00 Live Music starts at 5:30

Date	Performer	Food Trucks
7/22	Banned From Eden	Flanders Bay BBQ & Traceys Seafood