Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
August17, 2026

Selectmen: Gregory Ring, and Michael Hosking and Michael Pinkham I
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
CEO: Kevin Brodie **Fire Chief:** Michael Pinkham II
Age-Friendly Sullivan Coordinator: Kimberly Brooks
Audience: John Keenan, Sharon Baron, Gerald Erbes, William Andrews, and Monica Giordano, and (Jon, and Gary Runnells Via Zoom).

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Michael Hosking called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm

2. **Review of Selectboard Policy**

Michael Hosking reminded everyone that the Selectboard Meeting policy availability on the table where people sign in.

3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Michael Hoskings noted that Ms. Giordano ask to speak to the board about road signs, so he added "Road Signs" as item #10 to the agenda under new business

4. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (**July 20, 2026)

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

5. Treasurers Warrant

Payroll Warrants 7/29/26 $7,992.19

Michael Hosking moved to approve the payroll warrant. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

A/P Warrants $295,147.42

Michael Hosking moved to approve the A/P warrant. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

New Business:

7. Road Tree Trimming

Gary Runnells addressed the Selectboard about what exactly the scope of work would be.

After some discussion the Selectboard asked Gregory Ring to meet with Mr. Runnells and one other arborist about what exactly needs to be cut.

Gregory Ring asked the Selectboard what they wanted to do about the larger trees that would either need to be limbed up or taken down. The Selectboard said it might be best to take those trees down, since they would need to be limbed up within a few years, and it would be the same problem that was currently happening.

Michael Hosking suggested that a public hearing be set up before any tree trimming occurred. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

8. RFP - Road Maintenance (Upper Tunk Lake)

Gregory Ring stated that Eaton Paving was in Town and that they would be taking a look at this portion of road and determine what would need to be done. William Andrews stated that he felt a core sample should be done to determine what is the road bed under the pavement. He also offered to work up a bid if the Selectboard wished. Gregory Ring was to reach out to Eaton Paving before the next Selectboard meeting.

9. Fuel Oil Bid

The Town Manager is to work on the fuel usage so how much could be in the bid request. This will be revisited the end of September.

10. Road Signs

Monica Giordano address the Selectboard about the need of a Stop Sign at the end of Church Street where is connects to Harbor View she also asked for a few Children at Play Signs. She had a bit of a scare earlier in the day and was insistent that the Town take action. Gregory Ring will get the information on Dig safe and work on getting the signs put up.

Old Business:

11. Update on approved paving project

The Town Manager reported that Eaton Paving started work on the Morancy Road on Monday 8-17-26. Michael Hosking asked for the schedule and the Town Manager provided the schedule once Morancey Road is finished they will move on to work on Grange Hall Road then Miramar Ave.

12. Concerned Citizen Letter

The Town Manager referred to the CEO, Brodie. Mr. Brodie stated that he has been on vacation for a couple of weeks and that he will be looking into the complaints starting this week. He also discussed his frustration with the ability to follow through on past issues. For example, a homeowner was given a reprieve on having to demo a trailer as they were failing and had a short time to live. This individual passed away within the past year, and someone was residing in the trailer that should have been vacated and demolished. The CEO and Town Manager were going out to look at the property later in the week to see exactly what was happening.

Reports:

13. Town Manager Report

A. Transfer Station Compactor:

The whole compactor is being rebuilt and a schedule is going to be put in place to have it serviced a couple times a year.

B. Trailers on Moose and Libbey Lanes

The two trailers that needed to be demolished, are now total removed.

C. The Playground and Skatepark

The Schoodic Events Center Board voted to deed the land to the Town of Sullivan to use for the purpose of the Playground, Skatepark, and recreational area. If at any time the Town decides to not use this area for that purpose, then it's to go back to the Events Center.

14. Fire/EMS

Chief Pinkham reported that the Suring up Station 1 would be occurring soon. He thought it would be happening with in a week or two.

15. **Harbor Repair – Side note** Michael Hosking asked the Town Manager about the repair of the boat ramp off Miramar Ave. The Town Manager stated that it went well and it looks good.

16. Committee Reports

a) **Age Friendly** (written report is attached to these minutes)

Kimberly Brooks gave an overview of her submitted report focusing on the volunteer hours, and the changes to the funding.

Side Note: Michael Hosking asked the Town Manger when the Audit should be completed. and the Town Manager stated that he thought by the end of the month or early September.

b) **Fall Festival update:** (see written report attached to the minutes)

Yvette Grindle gave a brief update on sponsorships and procuring the pumpkins for this event.

17. Public Comment

A. **Sharon Baron:** Michael Hosking asked her about the outcome of her Civil Suit earlier in the month. She noted that she was awarded the full amount allowed by law. She expressed the need to have people call in if they see the livestock out of their enclosure. She also asked the Town to adopt a specific addition to the land use ordinance about livestock.

B. **Monica Giordano:** asked about improving the flow at the transfer station.

C. **William Andrews:** asked about the Town Office Closing for 30 minutes and to not do this and to have the Office open on Fridays.

D. **Gerald Erbes**: expressed his frustration about the electronic sign being updated in a timely manner. He had a number of frustrations and got a little heated.

Recess: At 6:27 pm on a motion by Chairman Hoskings the meeting recessed for 10 minutes. The Meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m. with the same members present.

E. **John Keenan:** had a several questions:

1. About having the Zoom Attendees noted in the minutes of the meeting
2. Insurance and legalities, Training for the off-road vehicles
3. Concerns about his letter from MMA
4. Concern Citizen letter will this be part of the minutes posted online.
5. Meeting minutes posted online in a timely manner.
6. The Question for the Town Charter Moving Forward
7. Having a Moderator for the Selectboard Meetings.

The Selectboard answered a number of his questions, 1.Yes the audience on zoom are noted in to top of the Selectboard minutes with a note “via zoom” . 2. The Fire Chief Noted that the training has been scheduled for the off-road vehicles. 3. The Town Manager noted that they had not heard from MMA about this issue as of yet. 4. Yes the concern Citizen letter will be posted with the minutes. 5. Town Manager noted that he posted the back minutes and just needed to post the minutes from 8-3-26. 6. Town Charter wording will be discussed at the next Selectboard Meeting.

18. **Board Comment**- none
19. **Action Item List** – Michael Hoskings noted that things were moving along and nothing new at this time.

20. Move to Executive Session

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

Executive session entered into at 6:47pm

21. Move to Regular Meeting Session

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

Regular session entered into at 7:09 pm

22. Executive Session Actions

Michael Hosking reported on the actions taken that they wanted to go forward with the Original Resolution.

23. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M. Grindle
Town Clerk

Approval of the Minutes from the
August 03, 2026 Selectboard Meeting

Michael Hosking **Michael Pinkahm I**

Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 08-17-2026**
- **Concern Citizen Letter**
- **Age-Friendly Sullivan Report**
- **Fall Festival Report**

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Sullivan, Maine 04664
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Agenda – August 17, 2026 5:30pm
Sullivan Town Office
Community Room

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13. Fire/EMS
14. Committee Reports
    a) Age Friendly
    b) Fall Festival (quick update)
15. Public Comment
16. Board Comment
17. Action Item List
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21. Adjournment of Meeting

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

July 25, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this a formal complaint from a taxpayer and resident of the Town of Sullivan.

The purpose of this letter is to document several ongoing concerns that, to my knowledge, have not been adequately addressed despite previous complaints or existing town ordinances. My intent is not simply to list grievances, but to highlight what appears to be inconsistent enforcement of the ordinances already in place. I have no personal problems with what people do on their own property, but do have concerns when it could affect water quality or general safety and feel that if nobody says anything then nothing will ever change.

Before considering the adoption of additional ordinances, I believe it is important that the Town consistently enforce those that currently exist. The following properties and situations warrant review:

- **90 Tunk Lake Road** – A camper is located in the woods. I am concerned about wastewater disposal, as the property appears to abut a bog that drains into Flanders Stream.
- **Flanders Pond** – There are multiple lots with campers. I am concerned about the disposal of blackwater and graywater from these sites.
- **2720 US-1** – The property appears to be operating as either a gravel pit or a junkyard. Clarification and review would be appreciated.
- **568 Tunk Lake Road** – Apparent junkyard.
- **291 Tunk Lake Road** – Apparent junkyard.

325 Tunk Lake Road deserves particular attention. Although this issue has previously been brought to the Town's attention, very little progress has been made. A formal complaint was submitted more than a year ago regarding a safety concern, yet the matter remains unresolved.

This raises an important question about the consistency of ordinance enforcement. If permitting requirements and safety standards can be overlooked because an individual is "doing a favor for the Town," it creates the perception that ordinances are applied inconsistently. Such an approach undermines the purpose of the Town's permitting process and the expectation that all property owners are held to the same standards. Residents who invest the time and expense to comply with local regulations should reasonably expect those regulations to be enforced fairly and consistently.

I am sure there are additional issues throughout the Town that also deserve attention. Those listed are near my home and are regularly visible to me. However, my primary concern is that existing ordinances be enforced consistently before the Town considers adopting new ones.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request that these concerns be reviewed and addressed.

Sincerely,

Derek Pinkham

Age-Friendly Sullivan Update for Sullivan Select Board Meeting on 8/17/26- Prepared by Kimberly Brooks

Activity and Volunteer Summary for July 1-31, 2026

Program/Activities for the Month	Total Hours*	Residents Served**
Music in the Park	103	400
Circle of Friends- Birthday Cards	18	97
Bone Builders	20	55
Assisted Rides	27	22
Ladies Out Lunching	3	16
Coffee House	10	5
Commodity Food Boxes - EAAA	8	8
Community Connector- Resident services	16	11
Community Garden	30	30
Other	22	
Total	**257**	**644**

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

Budget & Program Changes

The Age-Friendly Sullivan budget and stipends from the University of Maine for 2026–27 have been cut The Community Connector stipend remains intact through August of 2027, however the Coordinator stipend was eliminated as was the $5,000 contribution to program overhead and operational support. When final year-end financial data is available from the Town, we will assess the impact of these funding reductions on Age-Friendly Sullivan programs and operations going forward.

General Updates & Highlights

- Music in the Park completed its 3rd year and brought approximately 100 people to the park each week during the 4 week series. This is a significant increase in attendance over previous years. We look forward to hosting the series again in 2027. A special thank you to Rob Eaton for again coordinating the musicians and sound.
- The Community Garden donated fresh vegetables to the pantry and town “take or leave it table.” The team committed approximately 30 hours of volunteer time in July.

Community Connector

- Misty Gleason continues to assist a community member following a fire at their home. In July, she helped three households with USDA grant/loan applications and two households experiencing food insecurity. One household received a new furnace with the support of a USDA grant after more than 18 months of processing. She also made four referrals for additional support through APS and social workers.
- Coffee House met once in Jul with 5 attendees. The 7/17 meeting was cancelled due to power outage.
- Ladies out Lunching (LOL) was 7/10 with 16 attendees at Tracey’s Seafood.

Communications, Website and Social Media

- February Town Crier Articles (2 each)- Community Connector Update for programs and Age-Friendly update for Upcoming events.
- Age-Friendly Sullivan in the News: Ellsworth American Calendar updates for Music in the Park. Music in the Park was featured on WABI on 7/10 with an interview of Kimberly Brooks.
- Daily Facebook posts are created with automatic posting to the Town webpage. July engagement was significantly higher than previous months, driven largely by Music in the Park content. Our following also continues to grow, reaching 678 followers in July.

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	678	28,500	863

Upcoming Activities/Events

- **Tues/Thursdays:** 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders
- **Age-Friendly Sullivan monthly meetings** -held the First Wednesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 am at the Town Office**-** 9/2- Guest Speaker will be Mary Beth Mitchell, Behavioral Health Coordinator Maine State Police
- **Coffee House** - The 1st & 3rd Fridays each month 10am-noon at Town office. Aug 21, Sept 4 &18 Everyone is invited.
- **Ladies out lunching-** Sept 11 at Flanders Bay BBQ, Oct 9 at Tracey's Seafood

Fall Festival 2026

Date October 3, 2026 10-4p

The committee has started meeting together as of 8-12-2026, Sullivan Parks and Recreation is partnering with Schoodic Events Center create a family fun day, focusing on the kids of this area.

Returning events are Pumpkin decoration, Kids games, Bake Sale to help cover the extra cost of the event and raise funds for the special project that Sullivan Parks and Recreation proposes. The Schoodic Animal Hospital will be doing a Rabies vaccine clinic for cats and dogs from 10-noon on the day of the event.

Swan Song Saltwater Farm has donated $200.00 towards pumpkins. Yvette Grindle has reached out to Richard Merrill of Ambers Best Farm Stand who has given a quote of $3 per pumpkin, its estimated that 100+ pumpkins will be ordered. Mr. Merrill will deliver the pumpkins for the event making this a task easier to navigate.

Skate America is joining in with the Fall Festival, they will be having skateboard competitions, free skateboarding lessons and fundraising for the new skatepark.

New to this festival will be Line Dancing lessons, Hay Rides(this is still questionable), bounce house if we can figure out the generator.

Things still being worked on is getting square dancing lessons and contra dancing.

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette Grindle
Committee Co-Chair