Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

Selectmen: Michael Hosking and Michael Pinkham I
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
Audience: John Keenan, Cliff Salvamini, Gerald Erbes, Alex Sousa, Logan Pung, Lisa Jones, Sean Jones, Lisa Coombs, Wally Coombs, Chris Ratti, Patricia Moore Phyllis Moore, Guy Coombs, Sharon Baron, Marni Dedmon, Stacy Tozier, Larry Tozier, and (Via Zoom) Julie and Roger Grindle.

1. & 2. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
The Meeting was called to Order by Michael Hosking with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.
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. Adjustment to the Agenda - No Adjustments made.
5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (July 06, 2026)

Michael Pinkham moved to accept the minutes from the 09/08/2026 meeting. Greg Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

6. Treasurers Warrant
   a) Payroll Warrants ($44,600.59 for 3 payrolls)

Michael Hosking moved to approve the Treasures Payroll Warrant. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

   b.) A/P Warrant ($374,014.88)

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

New Business:

7. Regional Shellfish Join Board Representative
There was a general discussion on why they are being asked to appoint someone not from the Town of Sullivan. The Selectboard agreed that they would like to request to have Gary Edwards in at the next Selectboard meeting on October 5, 2026 to answer the questions from the Selectboard. This item was tabled till October 5, 2026 meeting.
8. Election Warrant
Michael Hosking read aloud the warrant for the Local Municipal Election Warrant. The Selectboard Members signed the warrant. Gerald Erbes was warned about interrupting the meeting by Michael Hosking.

Old Business:

9. Property Tax Payment Schedule Adjustment – Follow up
The Michael Hosking discussed the payment options and noted that many of the Town tax payers and other entities seemed to be confused by the 2 due dates for payments. The

Town Manager noted that it may be wise to go back to the one due date and educate the tax payer more heavily about the tax club option to help spread the payments for the taxes over a possible 8-6-month period. The Trio Program did not allow much flexibility on scheduling payments. The Selectboard felt that the two due dates should stand with the tax club option. Sharon Baron noted that her mortgage company was confused by the 2 payments.
Wally Coombs asked about the discount if you paid by a certain date. John Keenan noted a few rules and regulations from the state statues.
10.Update on approved paving project
Michael Hosking noted that the Town was looking to have a schedule for the approved paving projects and as of the end of business on 9-21-26 no definitive schedule had been provided. Michael Hosking noted that there had been some concerns brought by the citizens living on the Morancy Road about the prep-work that had been done and that the road was not ready to be resurfaced. Michael Pinkham stated that he had gone to look at the road after he had been approached by one of the citizens. He feels the road needs to have more work done before being resurfaced. The banks are not cut back and there are a number of pot holes, in his opinion the Town would not get the 10-15 years that as of the way it stands now the Town would maybe get 2 years.
11.Road Tree Trimming
Michael Hosking noted that they Town had received 2 quotes both from arborist. That Reynolds Property Maintenance was the lowest and that a public forum needs to be set up prior to the next Selectboard Meeting.
Michael Hosking moved to go with Reynolds Property Maintenance set up a meeting prior to the Selectboard Meeting October 5, 2026. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.
12.Upper Tunk Roadwork update
S.W. Cole called they will do the core samples and repair the road once the samples have been taken.
13.Road Signs
The Town Manager is reaching out the MDOT to get clarification to see what the Town can do on our roads as for sign placement. He will make up a model.
14.Concerned Citizen Letter – CEO update
Michael Hosking addressed the audience about this letter and opened up the floor for Kevin Brodie to discuss what actions he has taken and why. Many of the R.V.s are too close the waters edge and need to be moved. Some have been on location of the water longer than the 120 days allowed by State laws. RV's can only be 250 from the high-water mark. He sent some letters out to some of the RV owners. He also addressed the concerns about possible Junk Yards and having garages clean up their garage areas.

Kevin took questions from the audience, helping them to understand what they could or couldn't do with their RVs on the water's edge.

John Keenan asked how the CEO is addressing the issues and to make sure it is fair across the Town.

Michael Pinkham added an action item to have the CEO to create a schedule for a Town wide audit.

Michael Pinkham noted that the reason the letter was written that there was a concern about the septics on Flanders Pond as it has changed. The audience brought up a number of concerns about cutting of trees and the fertilizer being used on the lawns along the ponds edge, also the level of the pond. Michael Pinkham stated the board at one time tried to work with a landowner to put in a fish ladder by the dam and the owner would not allow the Town to take such actions.

Reports:

15. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager reported on the issue With a Company Called A Data Branch sending FOIA request. They have sent in 34 requests since June. They are requesting for East and West Sullivan which is not in existence. The Town Manager has reached out the Ombudsman who is in charge of FOIA in the State. Town of Sullivan is not the only one in the state experiencing these requests. It is happening to surrounding Towns and in all 50 States. This company is collecting information for profit. The Ombudsman stated to keep track of the request and deny the ones for the Towns don't exists.

16. Committee Reports

a) Age-Friendly Sullivan

Michal Hosking read from the submitted written report from the Age-Friendly Sullivan(see attached report)

b) Sullivan Daze and Fall Festival

Yvette Grindle updated the Selectboard on the Finances from the Sullivan Dazes minus the Fire Departments(will be working with the Town Manager on that within the next week). She also noted since compiling the report that it will be adjusted due to the grant monies covering the expense of the new lawn/road signs. She also noted when she was opening up mail before the Selectboard Meeting that Schoodic Animal Hospital had sent in a check in the amount of $500.00 to go towards the new Skatepark.

She also discussed the upcoming Fall Festival for October 3, 2026 and encouraged people to come out and bring the children in their lives.

Kevin Brodie discussed that a permitting company approached him. The price is better than the previous one and he requested if before budget time if they could have this company come in a do a presentation to the Selectboard. This will help track the permits. It was noted that it's a better model that the Trio program.

17. Public Comment

John Keenan

a) Discussed his concerns about the election warrant and wanting to make the upcoming public hearing turned into a bifurcated meeting.

b) The Ellsworth American news article about the license plate readers and his objections.

Sharon Baron

a) Updated the Selectboard on the ACO and her communications with them about the livestock on the loose on her property.

b) She also asked about a Town Livestock ordinance.

18. Board Comment

Michael Pinkham: thanked the board for the recognition of his and his wife's 50th wedding anniversary.

Michael Hosking: noted about the Public Hearing scheduled for October 14, 2026.

19. Action Item List

20. Move to Executive Session

Michael Hosking moved 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 2/0 with Michael Pinkham opposed.

Selectboard entered into executive meeting at 6:30

Michael Hosking moved to enter into Regular Meeting Session. Gregory Ring seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0.

Out of executive session 6:37

21. Executive Session Actions: No actions taken

22. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned 6:45PM

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M. Grindle
Town Clerk

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Michael Hosking **Michael Pinkahm I**

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Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 09-21-2026**
- **Age Friendly Sullivan**
- **Draft Sullivan Daze Report**