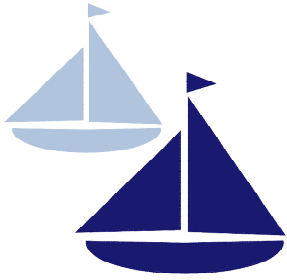


# THE SORRENTO NEWSLETTER



## SEPTEMBER 2021

### **Sorrento Town Office**

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**Thurs: 1 pm – 6 pm**

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**Library:** 422-8255

### **RSU 24 School Board Member:**

Janet Wilpan 422-9115

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect you and your family from COVID-19. Vaccines are free and are available without needing an appointment.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

**Please note the upcoming changes to office hours:**

Wednesday Sept. 22 - Open 1 to 6

Thursday Sept. 23 - Open 8 to 4

Monday Sept. 27 - Open 8 to Noon

Thursday October 7 - Open 8 to Noon

Monday October 11 – CLOSED - Columbus Day

***Notary Public Services are  
available at the Town Office***

### **EXPIRATION DATES**

**VEHICLES:** Expire a year from when they are registered (unless you are transferring)

**TRAILERS:** Can be registered for 1 or 2 years, same month, except over 2000 lb. Trailers expire in Feb. (1 or 2 years)

**BOATS:** Expire Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

**ATVs:** Expire June 30<sup>th</sup>

**SNOWMOBILES:** Expire June 30<sup>th</sup>

**MOTORCYCLES:** Expire March of every year, except antique.



## **2021 DOG LICENSES**

Due to COVID, the 2021 deadline for licensing dogs was June 2, 2021. A State imposed \$25 per dog late fee is charged after that date.

**\*\*Dogs must be licensed by January 1 or when they reach 6 months of age.**

\$6 for neutered/spayed..... \$11 for unaltered

**The list of unlicensed dogs has been given to the Animal Control Officer.** Along with the extra \$25 State fee per dog, you may be summonsed to court, which can incur additional costs.

**\*\*When licensing your dog, you must bring with you your dog's rabies certificate showing the tag number and date of expiration and your certificate of proof of spay or neuter, unless these are already on file at the Town Office.**

**\*\*Any dog living in the Town of Sorrento must have a**

**Sorrento** license/tag.



**PLEASE INFORM THE TOWN OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG. Thank you.**

**2022 DOG LICENSES**  
are expected to arrive by mid-October.



**When transferring your auto registration from your vehicle to a new/newer vehicle, you MUST bring in the registration of the vehicle you are transferring from.**

Ellsworth branch BMV hours are  
8-4:30 Monday through Friday  
Tel: (207) 667-9363 8:30-4:30  
Fax: (207) 667-0048

## **REGISTERING BOATS**

### **.State regulations on boat registrations**



The office **CANNOT** register a boat unless it has a hull number as of spring 2018. Ask for the guidelines in the Town Office concerning the hull numbers.

**By now you should have received an email or letter with instructions on how to renew your mooring permit. 2021 fees were due July 15. Currently a \$25 per week late fee is assessed (max \$200). Contact the Town Office with any questions or if you have not renewed your permit yet.**

## **SORRENTO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Residents of Sorrento are eligible for scholarship funds to pursue additional learning after high school. These scholarships can be used for a wide variety of education – college, technical school or many other accredited programs. Students receive \$1000 per semester plus a bonus for achieving top grades.*

Please consider a gift to this fund and become a part of the community encouraging the next generation of high school graduates to pursue additional education after high school.

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Sorrento Scholarship Fund**

**and mail or drop off checks to:**

**Gina Bennett, PO Box 93,**

**Sorrento, ME 04677**

*Sorrento residents who are currently or will be starting post high school education in the future, please contact Wendy Worrell at 207-422-2525.*





## **RSU #24**

Greetings from RSU #24,

I hope this email finds each of you enjoying all that summer brings. It is hard to believe that the end of our summer vacation is in sight. We will be welcoming students in grades kindergarten through ninth grade back to school on Tuesday, August 31st with the remaining high school students returning the next day, September 1st. We are excited to get our students and staff back in the building!

The RSU Board of Directors approved our required return to school plan. In short, the plan has it that masking in our schools is optional. However, masking on our buses is required. If the number of positive COVID cases in our community and/or school significantly increases, we will need to reconsider the masking requirement in our schools. We will do our best to honor the recommended 3 foot distancing as recommended. Our goal is to get all students back into our buildings, as that is the best opportunity for each to be successful. We will continue with our specific and intentional cleaning measures that were implemented at the onset of the virus. If you have any specific questions regarding the reentry plan, please check the website ([www.rsu24.org](http://www.rsu24.org)) for a link to the official plan. A reminder that flexibility and understanding will be needed on the part of everyone as we navigate our way through uncharted waters.

The new Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus building project is moving along at a fast pace! Please check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PC31BEne9oQ> for our live stream of the work site. If it is easier, you can find the link to the live stream on our website. It is exciting to see the progress of the building. We are on pace to welcome students into the new building for the 2022-2023 school year. This will be an exciting time for our students!

Please check your mailboxes for the Sumner Adult Education Fall Catalog. There are a lot of great learning opportunities for the adults in our communities!

I appreciate the continued support of our schools. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [meastman@rsu24.org](mailto:meastman@rsu24.org). I hope that you all continue to be safe and well.

Michael Eastman, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit #24  
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Email: [meastman@rsu24.org](mailto:meastman@rsu24.org) phone 207-422-2017

# Meeting

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING VIA ZOOM**

First and third Wednesday of each month

At 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86535623920?pwd=d010ajZHVE9sbStmQXpZSGM rZkNwUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3562 3920

Passcode: 307652

## **Selectmen Meeting Minutes 7/7/2021**

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Diana Gazis, Daniel Dougherty and Terry Noyes. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

1) Minutes: Rob read the 6/16/2021 meeting minutes and amendments were made. While typing the 7/07/21 minutes Kathi discovered that the 6/16/21 minutes were read but not approved. This needs to be addressed during the 7/21/21 BOS meeting.

2) Update on Firehouse roof: Joey is still waiting to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> metal roof estimate. He is on Sinclair Builders waiting list.

3) Update on Community Building claim: Joey reported that the fire barrier tape is in, 75' roll, looks simple to install just peel the backing off and apply. A place is available every foot or so to mark the date and who installed it. Kathi reported that the town received 2 claim checks from MMA totaling \$61,308.40 which is less the \$1000 deductible.

4) Update on town pier: No update

5) Update on Traffic Logix Software: Joey needs to call Roy Gott to install it. Kathi will give Joey his number. Jon asked if the software can be installed on a 2<sup>nd</sup> lap top, Rob said yes.

6) Update on heat pumps: Rob reported that Valley Home Heating will return on Friday 7/16 to re-do the estimate.

7) Update on boat ramp culvert: No update.

8) Update on brush management near pier: Joey is to provide Rob with Kevin Tracy's contact info.

9) Update on Versant subcontractor debris: Rob spoke with two landowners. Both were never contacted by Versant. On Versant's website it states they will

remove branches & brush and leave behind substantial wood.

10) Update on sand issue at intersection of Pomola Ave., West Shore Rd. and Sorrento Ave.: This issue has been resolved by the State's paving of Route 185.

11) Update on installing new chlorinator in sewer system at rental building: Joey reported that Haslam Septic is right out straight as he has no employees. Someone asked if the project can be done by someone else, Rob said we need not just a plumber but someone with an excavator as well.

12) Update on the Fire House Floor drain cracks: Jon found his camera and will go check it out.

13) Update on sweeper at Town pier: Jon reported that Lou Sutherland took care of this issue with his backpack blower.

14) Update on East Side Road culvert project: Rob said as far as he knows the County has not issued a declaration of disaster for the June 8 storm and asked Joey if he heard otherwise, Joey said he has not heard.

15) Update on Waukeag Ave Storm Drain project: Rob reported he is meeting with Olver Associates on Friday July 16.

16) Update on damage to the main float: Jon reported that floats were damaged over the past few weeks. The main float has the most damage due to a lobster boat being docked there for a bit, damage to the rub rail and trim boards.

17) New Business:

Rob reported that there is a private road that needs naming and since the referendum passed as presented - the final authority in assigning or accepting names for private streets shall be the joint decision of the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen and the 911 Addressing Officer – he has been presented the name for approval. Rob made a motion to approve Captain Kidd's Road as the name for this private road, seconded by Jon, motion approved. Rob will present this to the Planning Board at the next meeting on July 15. Joey asked to be notified when names are approved so he can order road signs. A discussion followed about road signs, the pros and cons of having 2 signs vs one and recent vandalism where signs have been stolen. It was agreed that in order to standardize things, moving forward to order one larger sign with the road name and Private Road combined.

Joey asked if it was ok to have Kaz Fine Lines repaint the road by the boat ramp "STOP AHEAD". That started a discussion about the need for a permanent stop sign by the old fire house and vertical stop sign by the boat ramp and painting the road is less invasive than drilling into ledge to install signs. Rob said to check with the Dept. of Transportation.

Rob asked Joey about the status of the speed bumps. Joey said they are all set to go; he is just waiting on a dry Friday to install them, hopefully this Friday or next.

Jon brought up the problem with speeders on East Side Road which has worsened since it's been paved. He asked if Hancock County Sheriff Office has been called yet to patrol, Rob said not yet but he will call them. Terry Noyes spoke and said he is also concerned about speeders on East Side Road. A discussion following about speed limits, Joey said any speed limit complaints go to Maine D.O.T. Jon said that the Traffic Logix sign may record time and speed info which is data to provide to H.C.S.O. so maybe they can patrol during those times.

Kathi reported that the hot top abutting the wooden ramp at the Town Office back entrance has eroded. Joey said he will call Ring's Paving.

Kathi reported that all but one light bulb has burned out in the basement of the Community Building, which makes it difficult to see when the Wi-Fi modem needs to be reset. It was agreed that there should be replacement bulbs on hand.

Kathi reported that Paper Talks Magazine sent a quote for us to run an ad in the upcoming Seaboard issue, \$236 for a 1/18 page ad and includes 35 copies of the magazine. Rob made a motion to continue ad as in previous years, seconded by Jon, motion approved.

At 8:48 Rob made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk  
7/19/2021



## Selectmen Meeting Minutes 7/21/2021

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Diana Gazis, Daniel Dougherty, Tom Bailey & Lou Sutherland. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

- 1) Minutes: Rob made a motion to approve the 6/16/2021 minutes as previously amended during the 7/07/21 meeting, Jon seconded, motion approved. Rob read the 7/07/2021 meeting minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, motion approved.
- 2) Update on Firehouse roof: Joey said he is meeting with Sinclair Builders on Friday July 23 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote.
- 3) Update on Community Building claim: Joey reported that Robert Ginn is to start the taping Friday afternoon, to be completed by the next meeting.
- 4) Update on town pier: On July 16 Rob met with Annaleis and an engineer who works with Olver Associates who inspected the pier and found no defects that are concerning, the cribbing needs ss fasteners but no need to replace it, impressed on how it was built. They are working up a report to send.
- 5) Update on Traffic Logix Software: Joey called Roy twice with no answer. Rob will provide Joey and Jon with Roy's email.
- 6) Update on heat pumps: On July 16 Rob met with Valley Home Heating, no problem keeping the compressor on the South side of the building. The Fujitsu model is no longer available, will use similar one, installing within 4 weeks.
- 7) Update on boat ramp culvert: Lou reported Barbee put a 45 degree elbow on the culvert and crushed rock, no erosion refill. The rock was not moved as he was there at high tide. Jon spoke with Craig Dubois and there is a possibility he can move it.
- 8) Update on brush management near pier: Rob just got his phone back and working, Joey is to get Kevin's contact info to Rob.
- 9) Update on Versant subcontractor debris: Rob has had no reply from Versant's Manager.
- 10) Update on sand issue at intersection of Pomola Ave., West Shore Rd. and Sorrento Ave.: Jon reported the issue has not been resolved. Joey said it looks like the shoulders need to be ditched in the near future and this has been put on Barbee's to-do list.
- 11) Update on installing new chlorinator in sewer system at rental building: No update.
- 12) Update on the Fire House Floor drain cracks: Jon went to check this out but did not move any trucks. He is not sure what is considered "bad". He will look at the cracks closer when the trucks are out.

- 13) Update on East Side Road culvert project: Rob met with Olver Associates on July 16. There are funds out there to cover the cost without matching funds. Annaleis is looking for available grants.
- 14) Update on Waukeag Ave storm drain project: Annaleis is working on the plans and grant opportunities and will get back to Rob when completed.
- 15) Update on damage to the main float: Jon reported that WCBY repaired the majority of the pressing damage. Rob asked what the cost of damage was from the lobster boat, Jon said about \$100. The rot repair costs more due to the rising cost of plywood. Lou said the Town should look into replacing one finger float per year. Rob asked Jon to put together a replacement schedule of the four floats, in order of replacement need, including estimates.
- 16) Update on naming of private roads: Rob reported that the Planning Board approved the name Captain Kidd's Road. This will be an ongoing project as there are more roads to be named.
- 17) Update on stop signs: Joey reported that the DOT gave the ok to place a stop sign across from the intersection by the old firehouse. Jon said a stop sign is needed at the corner by the boat ramp on the dentist side, as well as painted signs on the road on the opposite side (triangle facing west at ocean). Jon made a motion to place the stop sign as stated above, seconded by Rob, motion passed.
- 18) Update on speed bumps: Joey said they are being installed this Friday (7/23) afternoon.
- 19) Update on East Side Road speeders: Jon said he has spotted HCSO patrolling the area.
- 20) Update on eroding hot top at back walkway at the Town Office: Kathi reported that Jake Belhumeur said he will put us on his list to do the repair.
- 21) Update on basement lightbulbs @ the community building: Rob asked for a volunteer to replace the burned out lightbulbs; Joey volunteered.
- 22) Update on Paper Talks Magazine Ad: Kathi reported the check has been mailed out.
23. New Business:  
Rob said he was presented a new building permit fee schedule by Don Baker, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. The current fee is value based with a \$25 minimum permit fee. Don is suggesting a price per square foot fee: Residential .20 per square foot, \$30 minimum; Commercial/Industrial .25 per square foot,

\$55 minimum. Rob made a motion to update building permit fees as per Don's list, seconded by Jon, motion approved. Other fees include new driveway \$30; Appeals Board \$100; Planning Board, minor \$0, major \$250 plus expert fees if needed.

A quote to replace the lighting in the firehouse with all LEDs was received by Rob, for a total of around \$8035. Jon said he recently upgraded the lights at WCBY. The price for 25 8' led lights was \$360ish plus labor. There are 60 lights in the firehouse so it may be more cost effective to buy the lights and self-install, guided by Dwayne who is a master electrician. It was decided to make up a plan and table this until the next FD meeting.

Rob reported that Oakley Johnson, the commodore of the remote sailboat club, has requested the use of the floats near the ramp for a model sailboat regatta. They were previously using the WCBY dock. Rob suggested that this be done on a Sunday as to not interfere with commercial fisherman. Jon said anytime is fine with him, but they usually do this in the late afternoon-early evening hours.

Kathi reported that the Town Office currently has only one key to the community building so when its being lent out there is no back up key. Rob said he will look for another one.

Kathi reported that the exterior of the Town Office is in need of pressure washing and asked it was ok to have this done. Rob said sure.

Joey reported that the dirt roads (Treasure Island Road, etc) have been graded, Barbee hired Brent Martin.

At 7:58 Rob made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk  
8/02/2021



### Selectmen Meeting Minutes 8/04/2021

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, Joey Clark, Diana Gazis, Tom Bailey, Lou Sutherland, Connie Dedam and Zelinda Welch. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

1) Minutes: Rob read the 7/21/2021 meeting minutes and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion approved.

2) Update on Firehouse roof: Joey is still waiting for a second metal quote.

3) Update on Community Building damages: Joey reported that Robert Ginn has used all of the tape and another roll is on order. A roll is 75' long by 2" wide and costs \$37.

4) Update on town pier:

Rob is waiting to receive the engineer's report; Kathi confirmed it has not arrived yet.

5) Update on Traffic Logix Software: Joey and Jon still have not heard back from Roy Gott yet, it's on Jon's to-do list to follow up.

6) Update on heat pumps: No update.

7) Update on boat ramp culvert: Jon reported that Craig Dubois has removed the rock.

8) Update on brush management near pier: Rob called Kevin Tracy with no reply, so he called Lou. Lou contacted Jake Belhumeur who can start on it in a couple of weeks.

9) Update on Versant subcontractor debris: Rob still has had no reply from Versant's Manager.

10) Update on sand issue at intersection of Pomola Ave., West Shore Rd. and Sorrento Ave: No update

11) Update on installing new chlorinator in sewer system at rental building: No update.

12) Update on the Fire House Floor drain cracks: No update.

13) Update on East Side Road culvert project: Rob reported seeing a Maine DOT survey crew at the site on 8/3 and 8/4.

14) Update on Waukeag Ave storm drain project: No update.

15) Update on float replacement:

Waiting for Jon to put together a replacement schedule of the four floats, in order of replacement need, including estimates. Lou said he has already applied for \$15,000 for 2 wing floats. Rob asked Lou to provide him with the amount of additional funds needed to include in the warrant. Lou said the town's portion is \$8,227.

16) Update on stop signs: Joey reported that the stop sign has been installed across from the intersection by the old fire house.



17) Update on speed bumps: Joey reported that the speed bumps are installed.

18) Update on East Side Road speeders: No update.

19) Update on eroding hot top at back walkway at the Town Office: No update

20) Update on basement lightbulbs @ the community building: Joey reported this is on his to-do list.

21) Update on replacing the firehouse lights with LEDs: No update.

22) Update on model sailboat regatta: Rob spoke with Oakley and he will try having the regatta on a Sunday. Jon spoke with Bob Worrell who is also involved and he will make sure it doesn't interfere with any commerce.

23) Update on Community Building keys: Rob found another set and gave them to Kathi.

24) NEW BUSINESS:  
 Connie Dedham spoke about the Town Office Mural Project. The mural is to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation, 2020. She has a written agreement between the Town and artist, James Groleau, for the Selectmen to sign. The total estimated cost is \$11,000, with a 10% deposit due next spring. Rob made a motion to approve the sketch and move forward with the agreement as Connie explained. Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed. Connie said that her next move is to solicit donations and make this information available on Facebook, in the Town newsletter and at the Town Office.

Rob reported that he received a request from Jean-Andre Rougeot to name his private road off of West Shore Road to Vicki's Lane, after his late wife. Rob made a motion to approve naming this private road Vicki's Lane, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Joey reported that Barbee Construction wants the Town's supply of winter salt in his pit by mid-September so delivery needs to happen by then. Rob is to provide Joey with the contact info of the DOT representative to make delivery arrangements.

Jon reported that he and Lou were at the boat ramp on Saturday afternoon and noticed there was parking on both side of the road. There are no parking signs at the Village Green but not the boat ramp. There was also a complaint about cars going too fast by the

boatyard with a request for speed bumps there. Jon said it is a big problem. There was a discussion about speed limits in that area. Jon made a motion to reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH on Waukeag Ave, seconded by Rob, motion passed unanimously. Joey is to order 2 signs, one for each side of the road. It was also agreed that a sign be installed at the 4-way intersection of Sorrento Ave/Waukeag Ave/ Kearsarge Ave/Doane's Point Ave, headed down hill, stating **"Sorrento Village Speed Limit 25 Unless Otherwise Posted"**. Rob is to email Joey with the wording so he can order the sign.

Rob reported that he is holding Warrant Work Sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month via Zoom, since the Town has approached its fiscal year-end. He asked Kathi to post signs at the Town Office and Community Building bulletin board.

Lou reported that the portable toilet enclosure at the town pier needs to be repaired or removed. Rob felt that without the enclosure the unit is subject to vandalism. Craig and Jon said the enclosure should be removed. Jon made a motion to have Jake remove the enclosure, Rob hesitantly seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Lou reported that a commercial entity is being run out of Doane's Point Beach (aka Isaac's Beach), a kayak tour business. Their web site advertises they do tours all over the area and uses a picture of Sorrento on their site. They occupy a minimum of 4 parking spaces for a pickup, trailer and at least 2 other vehicles. Rob said that is a parking issue. Jon said that scuba divers use the parking there. There was a discussion as to whether the Board of Selectmen has the authority to regulate how town roads are used. Jon said the Town should not allow non-resident commercial use, Rob said resident commercial use would still be a problem. It was agreed to post that the Selectmen will be voting to adjust the parking ordinance at the next Selectmen's meeting. Rob made a motion to move forward on updating the use of parking at Doane's Point Beach (Isaac's Beach), Jon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Lou wanted to make the Board aware of the fall expiration date on the Fish Float Grant contract. The

finished floats must be inspected by an engineer. John said that the floats will be complete within the next couple of weeks.

Zelinda Welch, who lives in a 5<sup>th</sup> generation family home on the corner of Oak St. and Ocean Ave, inquired if there was anything that can be done to clean up the overgrowth and brush on the ocean side of Ocean Ave across from her house, as it obstructs their view. Rob said a forestry management person needs to select which trees to cut or save. Zelinda asked when this would happen and Rob told her before the leaves turn in the fall.

At 8:20 Rob made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk  
8/11/2021

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### **Selectmen Meeting Minutes 8/18/2021**

Attending via Zoom were Rob Wilpan, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Kathi Moore, and Daniel Dougherty. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rob Wilpan.

- 1) Minutes: The 08-04-2021 meeting minutes were read by Rob and amendments were made. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion approved.
- 2) Update on Firehouse roof replacement: This is tabled until Joey is in attendance.
- 3) Update on Community Building repairs: This is tabled until Joey is in attendance.
- 4) Update on town pier: Rob reported that he received the engineer's report. The cost of \$650 is half of what was quoted.
- 5) Update on Traffic Logix Software: Jon spoke with Roy Gott. The software is to be installed next week on both laptops.
- 6) Update on heat pumps: Waiting for installation by Valley Home Services.
- 7) Update on Versant subcontractor debris: Rob still has had no reply from Versant's Manager.
- 8) Update on installing new chlorinator at the rental building system: This is tabled until a contractor has been found.
- 9) Update on the Fire House Floor drain cracks: No update.
- 10) Update on East Side Road culvert project: Rob reported that he received confirmation from Annaliese that the project is on the State's agenda.
- 11) Update on float replacement: This is tabled until replacement schedule is available.

- 12) Update on basement lightbulbs @ the community building: This is tabled until Joey is in attendance.
- 13) Update on replacing the firehouse lights with LEDs: This is tabled until after the next Fire Department meeting.
- 14) Update on winter salt delivery: Rob said he forwarded the contact into to Joey.
- 15) Update on downtown speed limit: Rob reported that the Selectmen do not have authority to change the Town's speed limits and there is a process to go through with the State. Jon noted that there are no speed limit signs downtown, except from Kearsarge to Ocean Avenue, which is 30 mph, and there is no reason for the speed south of Sorrento Ave to be over 20 mph. After much discussion Rob made a motion to move ahead on petitioning the State to change the speed limit in the Sorrento Village area to 20 mph, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed. Also discussed was the need to change some roads downtown to one-way in an effort to keep commercial vehicles out of congested areas; is approval needed from Maine DOT for the change to seasonal one-way traffic? Suggestions were making Waukeag one-way down the hill and Main Street two-way. Jon said there is no room for two-way traffic when vehicles are parked on the seawall side of Ocean Ave. It was suggested to place a no parking sign on the eastern corner of the harbor parking lot. It was agreed to table the one-way traffic discussion for a future date.
- 16) Parking at Doane's Point (Isaac's) Beach: There was a discussion about the beach parking area being used by a commercial kayak tour business. Jon made a motion to adjust the Town's parking ordinance to limit the use of Doane's Point Beach (aka Isaac's Beach) to prohibit commercial use, seconded by Rob, unanimous vote, motion passed. It was agreed to order a sign to read "Parking limited to non-commercial use only. Violators will be towed at owner's expense".
- 17) Fisherman Float update: Jon said he has moved the work order to the highest priority.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rob reported that he received a request from Allen Colebank to name his private road to Long Cove Lane. Rob made a motion to approve naming this private road to Long Cove Lane, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Rob made a motion to approve Disbursement Warrant #4, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

Rob reported that he attended a meeting hosted by Frenchman Bay United, who is against the proposed industrial fish farm. They are funded through donations to pay for legal assistance. He has access to the information and can forward the link to those interested. Rob said he would like to make a motion to represent the Town as



intervener, if needed, at future meetings, Jon seconded, unanimous vote, motion passed.

The Town received a "Qualified Catering Organization Application for Catered Function" from Bar Harbor Catering Company, for a catered wedding on 9/5/2021. Rob made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote, motion passed. Rob asked Craig and Jon to stop by the Town Office to sign the application.

At 7:58 Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Moore, Town Clerk  
8/31/2021



#### **SAFETY STICKERS**

Please also remember that the Sorrento Fire Department also has safety stickers that you may pick up in the Town Office.  
Just ask for them.

These stickers are Tot Finder stickers, Disabled stickers and stickers for your pets.

These are to be placed in your windows so that First Responders will know if, in case of an emergency, there is anyone that may need help.

**Tips on emergency preparedness** can be found at  
<http://www.maineprepares.com>

**Our E-911 Addressing Officer is Ann Blood.**  
She can be reached at  
[911officer@sorrentomaine.org](mailto:911officer@sorrentomaine.org) or leave a  
message at the Town Office.



#### **NOTICE**

##### **PLANNING BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM**

First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Easy option for first time users:

search: join.zoom.us with Chrome browser

Enter Meeting ID: **889 8753 5935**

Download, install & launch Zoom Client

Enter Passcode: **470 621**

***Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish  
Conservation Program  
Mike Hall, Shellfish Warden  
207-400-6183 or 207-963-71014***

#### **.CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SORRENTO**

To schedule use of the church, contact  
Thelma White  
(207)422-3616 or (207)546-0536  
[sorrento155@gmail.com](mailto:sorrento155@gmail.com)

#### **SULLIVAN RECREATION CENTER**

Is available to rent for events! Cleaning is included in the rental fee. Call 422-3134 for more info

**The State of Maine's Rapid Renewal system for Sorrento is available!** Please check out:

<https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

**Boat registration renewals are now available online!** Please check out:

<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/boat/>

**Fishing and Hunting licenses are also now available online!** Please check out:

[https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses\\_v3/index](https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index)



Poll workers are needed for the upcoming State Referendum election on November 2 and Town Election on November 8. No previous experience is required. Please contact the Town Office if interested.

## Sorrento Fire Department



FOR BURN PERMITS ANY TIME OF THE **YEAR:**  
**You are required by Maine law to have a permit to burn**, even for a small pile of grass clippings or leaves. A Forestry Warden will be called if you burn without a permit, possibly resulting in you being summonsed to court and fined.

*The person who signs the fire permit is responsible for the fire. Do not leave any fire unattended.*

To obtain a burn permit contact:  
Fire Chief Joey Clark 812-2208  
Dep. Fire Chief Dwayne Clement 479-6049  
Asst. Fire Chief Mike Parker 422-6755  
Asst. Fire Chief Brian Clement 422-3503  
Chief Engineer Craig Clement 460-8851

### **Required for burning:**

*\*\*at least two adults to attend the burn,  
\*\*some form of water supply and hand tools must be on hand,  
\*\*and it is recommended you have a cellular phone or other communication device to call for assistance should the fire escape.*

**YOU are responsible to see that the fire is out before leaving.**

## **FIRE PERMITS**

**Commercial burn permits are available  
October 15 thru April 15.**

**Regular burn permits are available  
year-round.**

**Current conditions require rain for  
a permit to be issued.**

### **TAKE NOTE**

#### **BURNING TRASH IS ILLEGAL!!**

State Laws (12 MRSA 9321-25) governing the backyard burning of household trash are enforced by the Maine Forest Service.

If you think someone is burning trash **please call 973-3700 immediately!** 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.

### **STATE BURNING PERMITS**

Traditional hand-written burn permits are still available, but the state online system allows permits to be acquired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state, provided that the fire danger is not high. These you pay for.

You don't pay for burn permits issued by the below fire department members.

For more information, call 287-4989 or visit  
[www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com).



### **Process for the Safe Disposal of Marine Flares**

Anyone who needs a safe manner for the disposal of outdated or unwanted marine flares should call the  
**Office of State Fire Marshal at 207-626-3870.**

The caller will receive a return call for the purpose of picking up the outdated or unwanted marine flares for proper disposal.



**Sorrento Code Enforcement Officer/Shoreland  
Zoning Officer & Plumbing Inspector**

Don Baker 207-356-2309  
[ceo-lpi@sorrentomaine.org](mailto:ceo-lpi@sorrentomaine.org)

Please use email to help document your requests.

**A REMINDER**  
**TO EVERYONE APPLYING FOR**  
**A BUILDING PERMIT –**  
**NO WORK IS TO BE STARTED UNTIL YOUR**  
**PERMIT IS ISSUED.**  
**STARTING THE WORK BEFORE THE PERMIT**  
**IS ISSUED CAN RESULT IN FINES.**  
  
**THE PERMIT IS TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE**  
**PREMISES OF THE CONSTRUCTION.**

**REMINDER:** All contractors doing soil work in the shoreland **must** have State Certification and **must** furnish a copy to code enforcement for **every** shoreland project

**SULLIVAN THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN**

**Tuesdays – Open 1pm-5pm  
& Saturdays 10am-2pm**

Donations are always welcome, please drop donations off on Tuesdays or call 422-3134. Please donate to our shop instead of Goodwill! Proceeds benefit the Recreation Center Repairs Project & Community Fund.

We do not take electronics. Goodwill will dispose of these for you for free.



**Marita Kilton Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to Sumner Memorial High School graduates & alumni who are pursuing a degree in education.

DONATIONS: Donate returnables to  
TeeTee's Redemption Center  
Or

Mail monetary donations to:  
Sumner Memorial High School  
Marita Kilton Scholarship Fund  
2456 US Highway 1 Sullivan, ME 04664  
C/O Lucille Null



**SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM**

Do you need help getting your animal spayed or neutered? The Ark & SPCA have a voucher program that offers some help. They pay 1/3, a participating vet will pay 1/3 and you would pay 1/3.

Call the  
SPCA PAL Program at 667-8088  
or  
The Ark's Stitch in Time  
Program at 546-3484  
and ask for a voucher.

Also, the Help Fix ME Program is open for cats and pit bull mixes – call at the beginning of the month for a voucher to fix your animal for only \$10.

Visit [www.spaymaine.org](http://www.spaymaine.org) for a full list of assistance programs.

**PROTECTING ANIMALS WELFARE**



**P.A.W.**

P.A.W. is seeking people to foster cats until a forever home is found. We vet check, vaccinate and spay/neuter. Food will be provided. We rescue stray and abandoned animals from Sullivan, Hancock, Franklin & surrounding areas.

Contact Marie at 460-8920 (home) or 266-5027 (cell) or  
Email [wolfspiritm@gmail.com](mailto:wolfspiritm@gmail.com)



To advertise or submit news in the Sorrento Newsletter, email [kathi.moore@sorrentomaine.org](mailto:kathi.moore@sorrentomaine.org) or call 4226889. The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.



# **LOST CAT**



**Princess was last seen 8-20-21 on Pomola Ave in Sorrento. She is black with white markings, a mostly indoor cat and was wearing a pink collar w. ID when she left. She is friendly and will likely come if called. Please contact me if you have any information.**

**Call or Text**  
**(207) 460 - 0818**  
**(207) 598 - 7757**



## HAPPY 125<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, SORRENTO

WE ARE PLANNING TO CELEBRATE WITH A MURAL PAINTING ON THE SIDE OF THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING AS SHOWN ON THE ARTIST'S SKETCH. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE FUND TO MAKE THIS CELEBRATION POSSIBLE. PLEASE MAKE A CHECK OUT TO THE TOWN OF SORRENTO, MURAL FUND, 79 POMOLA AVENUE, SORRENTO, MAINE 04677. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

# The Warrant

## Hancock, SS State of Maine

To: Dwyane Clement,  
Resident in the Town of Sorrento, in the County of Hancock

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sorrento, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center on Monday, the 27 of September, AD 2021 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the follow articles:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To set, raise and appropriate compensation for the following officers:

	Recommend:
Selectpersons Salary	3600, 3,200, 3,200 currently 3,600, 3,200, 3,200
Year-end Fiscal Responsibilities <i>(Review and adjust accounts, adjust the Annual Warrant before edits by the Board, provide appropriations report for the Assessor's agent, work with the auditor, provide the assessors' report, account balances and disbursement reports and pull together the Annual Report for the printers.)</i>	1,500
Fire Chief	3,000 currently 3,000
Road Commissioner	\$20/ hr as needed from Town Road Account

3. To elect three assessors and three general assistance officers and set compensation. Recommend the Selectmen with no additional compensation.
4. To elect Directors for the Sorrento Community Building to serve for one year.



6. To see what date the Town will set when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see what rate of interest the Town will set to be charged on said taxes unpaid after said date.

Recommend: **60 days** after taxes are committed and **6.0%** interest.

7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the following categories for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

	Recommend:	Last Year:
Administration	95,000	90,000
Payroll Taxes	4,400	4,200
Auditor	7,000	7,000
Legal/Professional Fees	1,000	2,000
Tax Map Update	500	1,000
Fire Department	40,000	40,000
Insurance	21,000	19,000
Town Roads	48,000	98,000
(raise and appropriate 35,000 and appropriate 13,000 from Block Grant)		
Harbor & Town Pier (from sinking fund)	24,000	22,000
Street Lights	4,800	4,500
Stockpile and Repairs	7,000	13,000
Trash Disposal/Recycling/Bulky Trash	30,000	20,000
General Assistance	5,000	5,000
Code Enforcement	0	2,000
Plumbing Inspection	0	0
Repairs to Town Property	15,000	15,000
Snowplowing and Sanding	68,229.57	66,566
67,000 from auto excise, 1,229.57 from surplus		
Snowplowing and Sanding Fuel Surcharge		
(Reimbursement of fuel costs above \$5.50/ gal diesel - from Surplus)		
Long Pond Water District	43,355	43,355
Ambulance Service (Northern Lights)	2,696.18	2696.18
Village Green Maintenance	3,000	4,000
Doane's Pt Cemetery Corp.	2,000	2,000
Animal Control Enforcement	0	0
Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center	7,500	7,500
Frenchman's Bay Shellfish Ordinance	3,000	3,000
Public Safety	2,000	1,500
Law Enforcement	3,000	0

8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following community supporting groups:

	2021 request	Last year:	Recommend:
Joanne Cowan Scholarship Fund	250	250	250
Sorrento Scholarship Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500
Sullivan Daze Fireworks	250	250	250
Sullivan- Sorrento Historical Society	750	750	750
Sullivan-Sorrento Playground	500	500	500
Frenchman's Bay Library	2,000	2,000	2,000
P.A.W / Protecting Animals Welfare	500	500	500
Community Health & Counseling	137	137	137
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)	583	583	583
Downeast Horizons	900	900	900
Eastern Agency on Aging	175	175	175
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,500	750	1000
Northern Lights Homecare and Hospice	527	527	527
Northern Lights Maine Coast Hospital	750	750	750
Loaves and Fishes Pantry	800	450	800
The Lifeflight Foundation	274	274	274
W.I.C.	315	315	315
American Red Cross	350	350	
Down East Aids Network	145	100	
Down East Family YMCA	775	775	
Ellsworth Public Library	1,375	1,375	
Emmaus Homeless Shelter	300	300	
Friends in Action	150	150	
Maine Public	200	100	
Open Door Recovery	1,500	1,000	
Eagle Nest Clubhouse (New)	No specified amount	0	
Yesterday's Children	300	300	
Families First	500	500	

9. To see if the Town will vote to replace the Sorrento Harbor Pier and settee with:

a. Marine grade aluminum pier with wooden benches for \$68,400 and appropriate \$10,000 from the Village Rental Building account, \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement account and raise and appropriate \$8,400. Unexpected costs to be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account or Surplus.

**OR**

b. Pressure treated lumber pier and benches for \$44,000 and appropriate \$10,000 from the Village Rental Building account and \$34,000 from the Capital Improvement account. Unexpected costs to be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account.

10. To see if the Town will vote to oppose the American Aquafarms Salmon project in Frenchman Bay and support the Sorrento Board of Selectmen to seek intervenor status.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,227 for the Town share of a grant to replace the Harbor's wing floats.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,500 to replace one finger float.
13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the American Rescue Plan Act fund due to Sorrento \$28,303.33 for capital improvements of the Long Pond Water District.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000 and appropriate from Surplus 10,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund which is dedicated to the purpose of paying for high cost capital improvement expenditures incurred by the Town without abruptly raising taxes or obtaining loan.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Shoreline Improvement Account, "SHIP", along with any donations, to maintain, improve and repair the Town's public shoreline property.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Sorrento Community Building to cover running expenses, with any remainder to be transferred into the Community Building Committee's checkbook
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,000 and appropriate \$10,000 from surplus for the Fire Truck Fund. Money from this fund can only be withdrawn by voter appropriation for Fire Truck replacement.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept for the Town gifts or grants of money from Federal, State or private sources.
19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of all property held by tax liens on such terms as they deem advisable, and execute quit claim deeds for such property providing any such sale is advertised in the Ellsworth American for 30 days and the Sorrento Newsletter for at least one time prior to such sale so that all may have an opportunity to bid on same.
20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2021-2022 fiscal year during the period July 1, 2022 until the annual town meeting for the year 2022.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Fire Department, with the Selectmen's approval, to dispose of surplus capital equipment in a manner that best benefits the Fire Department providing any such sale is announced in the Sorrento Newsletter.
22. The property tax levy limit adjusted this year for Sorrento according to State law is \$447,439.06. In the event that the preceding articles are approved as presented the municipal property tax levy will be less than the property tax levy limit by \$29,799.88.
23. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center at 7 o'clock in the evening on Monday, September 27, 2021.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED**