

The Sorrento Newsletter New News

FEBRUARY 2017

Sorrento Town Office (422-6889)

Fax: (207) 422-3737

79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, Maine 04677-3126

The Town Office does not accept credit or debit cards.

If you drive in to the Town Office during office hours and don't see a vehicle and think we are closed, think again. Check the red signs in the windows for **OPEN**. Many times the clerk is at the office with no vehicle.

NOTARIZING—The Town Clerk's notary has expired and needs to be renewed, so for the time being you can go to the Sullivan Town Office (or any other town office) for your notarizing (be sure to take identification).

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY--8am to 12noon &
2pm to 5pm**

TUESDAY--12noon to 6pm

WEDNESDAY--8am to 12 noon

**THURSDAY--8am to 12noon &
2pm to 5pm**

FRIDAY--8am to 12noon

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

***** **CHECK THESE DATES** *****

Friday, February 3

**Monday, February 6 closed in the
morning – open 12 noon to 5.**

Wednesday, February 8 doctor

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day

Friday, March 3

If there is need of an unexpected closing, notice will be posted on the Town Hall doors, and it will be on the telephone message, when possible.



During heavy snow storms or freezing weather, please call the Town Office to see if it is open. We may be closed due to the storm or may be late in opening while waiting for plowing, shoveling and sanding to be done.

FROM JOEY CLARK, SORRENTO ROAD COMMISSIONER



This winter, if you have a vehicle parked in the roadway/side of the roadway/in the Town right-of-way, anywhere hindering the snowplows, your vehicle can and will be towed, **AT YOUR EXPENSE**.

Food Drive



HANCOCK COUNTY FOOD DRIVE

The Sorrento Town Office will once again be a drop off for any items you wish to donate to the Hancock County Food Drive. The Drive runs March 1 to March 31, but there is a box set up in the Town Hall lobby now if you wish to bring donations in before then. **Reminder – please nothing in glass containers or any fresh food.**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Sorrento will hold a public hearing to review a renewal application by Guyette's, Inc., 19 Walter's Drive, Sorrento, Maine, for a junkyard permit. The hearing will be held on February 15, 2017 at 6:30p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Sorrento Town Hall. Any member of the public may address the hearing regarding the permit application.

The **2015 PROPERTY TAXES liens** have been recorded in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. Mortgage holders have been notified.

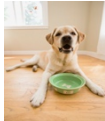
The **2016 PROPERTY TAXES** were mailed November 3, 2016. They are due on January 17, 2017. Interest will begin accruing on unpaid taxes on January 18, 2017.

DOGS

Animal Control Officers –

Marie Zwicker Cell 266-5027 460-8920

Beverly Merchant (when Marie is away) Cell 610-0892
(home)422-9504



2017 DOG LICENSES

You can license your dog(s) for 2017 anytime before January 31. Starting February 1, you will pay a \$25 late fee per dog, along with the license fee.

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

If you license your dog(s) after January 31 (unless it is a new dog), you will pay a **\$25 late fee** per dog along with the license fee.

****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.**

****If you lived and paid for your dog's license/tag in another town in Maine and now live in Sorrento, you must come in to the Town Office and exchange for a Sorrento license/tag. There is no fee for this.**

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

Sorrento license/tag.



Spayed/neutered dog fee - \$6.00

Unaltered dog fee – \$11.00

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

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

01/04/2017 - In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Craig Clement, Esther Clement, Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement

Guests: Greg Ring

Marc and Pam Calcia

Approved minutes from last meeting.

Marc Calcia in with the minutes from Coastal Recycling.

Approved mowing bid from C. M. Miller & Son.

Received thank you letter from The Grand.

Reviewed correspondence.

Signed disbursement warrant.

01/18/2017 - In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Craig Clement, Esther Clement, Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement

Guest: Greg Ring

Approved minutes from the last meeting.

Thank you letters from Down East Aids Network, Lifeflight of Maine, Down East Horizons.

Reviewed correspondence.

Signed disbursement warrant.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(as available)

Sorrento Code Enforcement Officer/Shoreland Zoning Officer—

Rebecca Albright – cell 907-8078 or home 537-3263 or

Email dreaminadrum@gmail.com

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 shore land **must** have State Certification and **must** furnish a copy to code enforcement for **every** shore land project.

Sorrento Community Building Committee

--No report submitted this month--

Sorrento Harbor Committee

--No report submitted this month--

From Coastal Recycling

(Sorrento Director-Marc Calcia)

Minutes: November 9, 2016

Attending: Robert Cossette, Franklin; Dan Bossert, Hancock; Helen Gordon, Sullivan; Diana Young, Winter Harbor; Joyce Levesque, Plant Manager; Marc Calcia, Sorrento

Called to order: 4pm

Minutes read and approved: October 12, 2016

Treasurer's Report: Savings \$130,848.18 and Checking: \$13,446.72

Plant Manager Report: October 2016

Facility update: Painting completed to be done this

season. Discussed metal siding. Painting/strapping next season with fixing vent up side office.

Old business: Review of fees to contractors, return to Coastal and actual town appropriations. One alternate was to cut one day from Coastal. Another view: increase appropriation and/or more contractor, higher fees.

New Business: Preliminary 2017/2018 budget discussions. Much debate ensued and with time becoming an issue, voted to hold a workshop Nov. 21 at 4pm. All agreed and adjourned 5:45pm.

Respectfully, Diana Young, Secretary

Sorrento Fire Department

STATE BURNING PERMITS

Traditional hand-written burn permits are still available, but the online system (\$7) allows permits to be acquired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state provided that the fire danger is not high.

For more information, call 287-4989 and visit www.maineburnpermit.com.

FIRE PERMITS **from the Sorrento Fire Dept.**

COMMERCIAL BURN PERMITS RUN

OCTOBER 15 TO APRIL 15. 

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

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 (422-0110 or cell 812-2208)

Dep. Fire Chief Dwayne Clement (422-6889 or
422-3622 or cell 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.

Following are the calls, classes, work sessions, & training for the Sorrento Fire Dept. for the month of January:

01/02/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded to a call for a lift assist on the East Side Road in Sorrento. Responding were Joey Clark and Dwayne Clement.

01/03/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded to a call for a lift assist on the East Side Road in Sorrento. Responding were Dwayne Clement and Craig Clement.

01/03/17 – Sorrento Fire responded to Forest St. for a fire alarm. Responding with Engine 824 were Dwayne Clement and Craig Clement. It was a false alarm.

01/04/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded for a lift assist on the East Side Road in Sorrento. Responding with Rescue 845 was Dwayne Clement.

01/14/17 – Training. Interior/exterior training on a 2-story wood framed structure. Attending with Rescue 845 were Jon Mickel and Jesse Cummings.

01/15/17 – Sorrento Rescue was asked to respond to Franklin for a medical call. Responding with Rescue 845 were Dwayne Clement and Brian Clement.

01/16/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded to a medical call on Main Street in Sorrento. Responding with Rescue 845 were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement and Brian Clement.

01/19/17 – Sorrento Fire was asked to set up a Lifeflight landing zone at Sumner Memorial High School for a medical emergency. Responding for Sorrento were Dwayne Clement, Brian Clement and Jon Mickel.

01/22/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded with Sullivan Rescue for a medical call on the Thorne Road in Sullivan. Responding for Sorrento with Rescue 845 was Dwayne Clement.

01/24/17 – Sorrento Fire responded to a report of a tree down on the East Side Road, blocking both lanes. It was quite a large tree. Responding were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Brian Clement, Jon Mickel and Craig Clement.

01/29/17 – Work session. Put new hoses on trucks. Attending for Sorrento Fire were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Mike Parker, Brian Clement, Dudbridge Taylor, Jon Mickel, Craig Clement, Jesse Cummings and Chris Eklund.

Gouldsboro Fire also sent up a crew to assist. Their help was greatly appreciated. Between the old hose taken off the trucks and the new hose put on the trucks, the total was almost 1.5 miles of hose.

01/29/17 – Sorrento Rescue responded to a medical call on the East Side Road in Sorrento. Responding were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Brian Clement and Michelle Clement.

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

Sorrento Planning Board

Elisabeth Heyward, Chair; Dan Bierman, Jr., Secretary;
John Dedam, James West, Beth Clark
Connie Dedam (Alternate)
Minutes of:

Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Program
(Mike Hall, Shellfish Warden, 400-6183 or (h) 963-7104)

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK UP



The months of **October through May** will have curbside recycling pick up **only the 4th Thursday** of those months.

The months of **June through September** have pickups the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of those months.

Dates for the next two months are –

February 23
and
March 23

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HEAT ASSISTANCE:

Call 211 – a 24/7 call center program providing information about programs and services available to Maine people.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Fuel assistance with oil, kerosene, wood, pellets, propane or electricity.

Home Weatherization & Energy Related Repairs – Programs to fund improvements to make a home more energy efficient and comfortable. These could include home insulation, caulking, weather stripping and furnace repair or replacement.

Eligibility Screening for Other Assistance Programs. Approved LIHEAP applications opens opportunities for other available programs.

Energy Crisis Intervention Program (T.H.A.W. Fund) – is a one time, emergency assistance benefit for ¼ tanks or less or disconnection. This is a low-income, first come, first served basis program funded by donations to WHCA for fuel assistance.

Call WHCA for more info @ 546-7544 or the Ellsworth office @ 664-2424.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SORRENTO

To schedule use of the church, contact

Thelma White
(207)422-3616
(207)546-0536

sorrento155@gmail.com

NOTE EMAIL CORRECTION

Outside Sorrento

FRENCHMAN BAY LIBRARY NEWS



The Library is located in the southern wing of the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center on US Hwy #1.

Hours: Monday 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Librarian: Barbara Sawyer

Assistant Librarian: Christine McGowan

Email: fb librarian@frenchman.lib.me.us

Website: <http://www.frenchman.lib.me.us>

Board Chair: Myra Hornberger

Contact: 422-2307

Frenchman's Bay Library

PO Box 215

Sullivan, ME 04664

Indoor Winter Walking – Monday evenings 5-6pm.
If school is closed due to inclement weather, walking is cancelled.

Cabin Fever Books Sale, Saturday 2/11/17, 10-2pm.

Color, Craft & Chat, Monday 2/13/17 & 2/20/17.
Spend an enjoyable evening and cure cabin fever.

PJ Story Time will be on **Monday, 3/6/17 at 6:30pm.**
Mrs. Wyler, Librarian from Mtn. View School is the March guest reader.

Lego Club is back – Saturday, February 25, from 1-2pm..

March 1-31 – the Library will again be a drop off for the **Hancock County Food Drive.**

New Books:

Hillbilly Elegy by J D Vance

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks

The Whole Town is Talking by Fannie Flagg

Faithful by Alice Hoffman

Victoria: A Novel of a Young Queen by Daisy Goodwin

If school is closed due to inclement weather, the

library will be closed.

Frenchman Bay Library catalog is now accessible from your home computer. Here are the steps:
Google Frenchman's Bay Library.

Click on Website with Frenchman Bay Library - WIX.com

Click on "Services" Tab

Click on "Library World"

Enter "fbli" in Library Name (No Password Required)

OR come in to the library for assistance.

Remember to check our website:
<http://www.frenchman.lib.me.us/>.

If you have an extra hour and would like to volunteer, we would love to have you.

Reminder: The Library has WIFI.

Free Ancestry.com

Connection to the Maine State Library
4 computers for public use.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE
WHEN THE LIBRARY & THRIFT SHOP ARE
CLOSED!

SULLIVAN SORRENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Web Site www.sullivan-sorrento-history.org

E-mail info@sullivan-sorrento-history.org

The Museum is open by appointment. For more information call Jeanne Edwards at 422-0995.

Email infor@sullivan-sorrento-history.org

We have recently had the opportunity to view a large oil painting of Sullivan harbor which is the property of a member of the Simpson Family.

It is a beautiful painting showing the wharf schooners, a small footbridge to Sail Island, with Cadillac Mountain and Mt. Desert seen across the bay.

It appears to show this scene as it was in the late 1800s. the painter's signature in the lower right is obscured by the paint used.

We would very much like to identify the painter. This painting has been in this branch of the family for at least three generations.

If anyone has any information on this painting or the painter, please call Jeanne or Gary at 422-0995,

JOIN YOUR SOCIETY DUES

for the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society are being collected for the period June 30, 2016 through June 29, 2017.

Please mail to:

Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society
P.O. Box 44
Sullivan, Maine 04664

Enclosed are my dues as checked:

_____ Individual \$10.00

_____ Family \$10.00

_____ Life Member \$100.00

_____ Donation

Name _____

Address: _____

e-mail _____

If you have anything that you are getting rid of about Sorrento or Sullivan that you think the Historical Society might like, please call the above number and ask. Books, pictures, maps, information, etc.

Remember....Once it is gone, it's gone and our ancestors won't be able to get it back.

SORRENTO-SULLIVAN RECREATION CENTER



Every Tuesday night at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center at 6pm. Doors open at 4p.

Good food, raffles, sealed tickets and maybe even win some money.

BINGO on Tuesdays – now put on by, and to benefit, the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center. All money raised goes to the Recreation Center for all upkeep and renovations.

Come support the Recreation Center and have an evening out!!!!!!!!!!!!

Home cooked meals and great desserts.

The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center hall is available to rent for receptions, parties, anniversaries, suppers, auctions, meeting, weddings, benefits, etc.

You do not have to be a resident of either town to rent.

Call 422-6282 and we will set you up with an application.

Reasonable rental fees!!! Kitchen and cleaning included in the rental fee.

Need a space for a yard sale? Rent a space here for \$20.00.

Anyone wishing to join the Rec. Center Board please give Helen a call at 422-6719. If you don't want to join you can just be a helper!

**(The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center Board
is looking for some SORRENTO members!!)**

**THRIFT STORE IS OPEN
Tuesdays – Open at 12:00 to 4:00.m
& Saturdays 10am to 2:00pm.**

Benefits the Pet Fund and the Recreation Center.
Donations are welcome but do not leave them outside the
Rec. Center door. We accept good donations anytime we
are open.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Thrift Store could use
some volunteers to help run the store on Tuesdays from 12
to 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Just stop in and
let them know when you could put in some time. Thanks.

Items Available at the Sorrento Town Hall:

Sorrento Fire and Rescue Golf Tees - Bag of 6 for \$.50
or three bags for \$1.00

Sorrento Fire and Rescue Desk Calendar (approx. size
7x10.5 inches; plenty of space in each day box for memos,
list of holidays, spaces to list birthdays or anniversaries,
space for 2018 advance planning, expenses, contact
information, address book metric conversion chart, texting
acronyms, time zones, international dialing codes, notes
and toll-free telephone numbers and web sites. \$5.50 each

Sorrento Fire and Rescue Pocket Calendar Book
(approx. size 3x5 inches; includes a note pad, one page
with the calendars for 2017 and 2018, list of holidays,
plenty of space for notes on the days of the weeks, 2 pages
for 2018 advance planning, page for birthdays and
anniversaries, texting acronyms, First Aid for
Emergencies, Toll Free Numbers/Web Sites, time zones,
international times, area codes, international dialing codes,
keyboard shortcuts metric conversion chart, and some
maps. They pack a lot in this little pocket calendar book.
\$5.50

Sorrento Fire and Rescue Pens - **\$2.75** Combination
pen, flashlight, stylus.

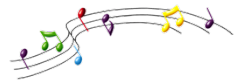
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SORRENTO CHORALE



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*Calling all Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses in the
Sorrento and Sullivan area! Be one of the founding
members of the Sorrento Chorale. We will sing both
traditional and contemporary pieces by the Masters.*

*Please contact Tish Noyes at 422-6832 or email
glnoyes@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.*

(Sight reading a plus. Seeking piano accompanist.)



NOTARY SERVICES

Call for appointment - 422-6514. Weddings performed.

Willy's Mowing Service is still serving Sorrento. Larger
lawns wanted. Call 460-7718

In Home Care

State of Maine Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) is
available to care for you or your family member in your
home. A CNA helps you maintain your independence by
providing a variety of tasks, including personal care based
on an individual care plan, housekeeping, food
preparation, and laundry. Call 422-3219 for more
information or email dedam@panax.com and ask for Liz
Dedam.

Coastal Lawn Mowing and Caretaking – snowplowing
available. Call Greg Ring 422-0934

SORRENTO AUTOMOBILE CLEANING SERVICE

Cleaning of the interior/exterior of your auto- wheels/tires.
Wash, vacuum, deodorize, dash, door panels, windows and
leather treatment.

\$150 small auto \$200 medium auto
\$250 large auto

Auto pick up and drop off at no charge.
Call 422-6893 or 266-8267.

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A family owned business serving Sorrento for over 50
years! You name it we do it. We cover all aspects of
carpentry/caretaking from yard care, snow plowing to
roofs, decks, additions and anything else you may need.
We care take more Sorrento homes than anyone! Call for
free estimates. 422-6893 or 266-8267

COASTAL CHIPPING AND MOWING--Complete
property maintenance, field mowing, wood chipping, and

driveway grading. References available. Greg Ring, 422-0934.

Guyette's, Inc.

422-3908

Towing and removal of any metals, washers, dryers, junked cars, etc. At no charge. Nothing containing freon. Auto repair.

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The Swap Meet

What would you like to buy sell, or swap?

Please send or call in with your would-likes.

FOR SALE:

FOR RENT:

July 2017 “Island Cottage” on West Cove. LR, Bath, BR, large deck. Plus separate sleeping cottage. \$770 wk. but prefer to rent by the month. Contact: Thelma White (207) 546-0536, sorrento155@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Please **submit items by the 23rd of the month** to Esther Clement, Sorrento Town Office, 79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, ME 04677-3126 or fax 422-3737.

Sorrento Post Office hours



6 hours of window service each weekday.

The retail hours will be:

9:30am to 1:30pm and

2:15pm to closing at 4:15pm,

Monday through Friday.

Saturdays will be 8am to 11:30am.

Access to delivery receptacles will not change as a result of the realignment of weekday window service hours.

Customers will have access to their mail receptacles 24 hours a day. Post Office Box mail will be available daily for pick up by 11am Monday thru Friday and at 9:30am on Saturday.