

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –December 17, 2012

### SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

**Present:** Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Pierce

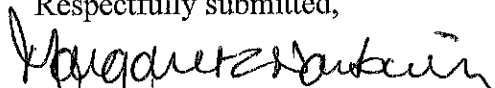
**Others:** Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

**Behind the Camera:** Tom Zimnowski

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- Call to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Expressions of sympathy and comments by the Board following the tragedy in Newtown, CT.
- Herb Sanderson, Treasurer/Collector - School renovation short-term debt being reissued. Unibank gave low quote for \$137, 523 @.55%. \$754 for 1-year interest. 3 payments remaining on this loan. Long term bonds will be retired in Jan. 2014. Leftover investment income will be applied to short-term debt. Outstanding Public Safety Complex (PSC) balance @ 4% interest. Can reissue in June, 2013 at lower interest rate-will reduce FY14 PSC interest budget. Motion to sign 1 year note for \$137, 523 at .55% from Unibank by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Signature by Board of Selectmen. Tax bills will sent out tomorrow, and will be due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- HCOG - Todd Ford, Geoff Rogers, Anne Renee Labouche. Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program overview. Town meeting vote is required to authorize Board of Selectmen to execute Five-year contract for the community. Residents would have opportunity to opt out before or during the process if they don't want to participate. First year guaranteed supply rate would be lower than default supply rate. Discussion regarding administrative fees (2 mil.); HCOG business model. Mr. Bergeron-Town would need to publicize program broadly through all available means. Mr. Ford - 28 communities being added in second round, then all will be synched in the program. Discussion regarding solar; HCOG programs. Board of Selectmen will continue electricity aggregation discussion.
- Blue Heron - Request for one-day extension of hours to 1:00am on January 1, 2013. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to grant extension from 12am to 1am on January 1, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Snowzees – Request for one-day extension of hours to 2:00am January 1, 2013. Board of Selectmen requires everyone off the premises by 2:30am on January 1, 2013. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to grant extension from 1am to 2am on January 1, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- December 10, 2012 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes of December 10, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Personnel Committee-FY14 salary adjustment recommendation 2.8% based on formula. Discussion.
- Town Office Building and Highway closure- Motion to close Town Office Building and Highway Department on December 24, 2012 by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Benefited employees to use accrued leave time.
- 2013 Legal Holidays-Motion to post 2013 legal holidays as presented by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Tighe and Bond-Sewer expansion study presentation. Discussion regarding funding; cost of borrowing, USDA rural development and DEP SRF loans, betterments.
- 2013 License Renewals-Renewal list read by Clerk, Mr. Bergeron. Ron Rodak-questions regarding Blue Heron occupancy/capacity. Building Inspector to get back to Ron Rodak in writing. Discussion regarding by-law tying number of parking spaces to occupancy. Motion to approve 2013 license renewals by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant review - Mr. Bergeron explained reasons for holding a STM outside of regular STM schedule. Discussion regarding the timing of and reasons for town meetings. Motion to post legal warrant for January 16, 2013 STM by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- January 7, 2013 meeting to be posted for 6:30pm.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator