

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 2, 2012
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 for Annual Town Meeting business.
- Fire/EMS Budget Hearing - Chief Ahearn read justification for requests and history of budget reductions/limitations. Overview of pumper truck capital request. Line-by-line request justifications. F/T Firefighter/EMT James Tower, Jr. explained justification of requests for replacement equipment. Discussion regarding equipment surplus and rotation. Mr. Tower – SFD will have 15 SCBA packs and 30 bottles at all times in service inventory. Budget request allows the purchase of 1 pack and 2 cylinders per year. Turnout gear – NFPA regs indicate gear is good for 15 years, but only 10 in a live fire situation. Looking for 10-year replacement. 18-20 sets of gear to be cycles through. Appropriation would replace up to 5 sets per year. Hoses & nozzles – 10 year replacement cycle is o.k. Discussion regarding quantity of material purchased with appropriation; use of aged equipment for training; impact of NFPA standards on small fire departments. FD wages – Discussion regarding mutual aid, natural disaster response. Discussion regarding training and compensation for training; prior years' actuals vs. budgeted amounts. Discussion regarding use of Ambulance Reserve; ambulance billing. Nancy Maglione, FinCom Chair – should be looking at how private ambulance service operates and at what cost. Discussion regarding EMT Call Stipend Program. FD Capital – Engine 2 replacement request. Discussion regarding replacement equipment – priorities. Radio System Upgrades – dead area along Rt. 116 to Shelburne Control. Need repeater behind Cliffside Apartments to communicate with dispatch. Town Park Roof needs replacement. Portion to be paid by Men's Club donation. Replace 2000 ATV with UTV able to carry more people. Portion to be paid by SVFA donation. Discussion regarding woodland and river rescues. Discussion regarding use of trucks and number of staff to man them; ambulance replacement; ladder trucks. Public Safety Complex Roof Repair – Chief Ahearn-roof leaks and needs at least a temporary repair. Discussion regarding patch estimate.
- Police Department Budget Hearing - Chief Gilbert gave overview of budget increase requests. Request for 6th full-time officer. Having another F/T officer would reduce P/T coverage needed to cover for F/T officers, including leave time. Discussion regarding shift coverage; police responses; duties; legacy costs with new hires; full-time vs. part-time; mechanism to put forth requests. Capital – replace 4WD Explorer with new cruiser. Chief-looking to purchase sedan for \$36,075 instead of 4WD. 4WD Tahoe would be \$36,902. Some cruiser equipment may be transferrable. Discussion regarding added insurance, registration with added vehicle vs. replacement; cost, size, efficiency and comfort of sedan vs. 4WD.
- Resident report of speeding on North Silver Lane – Chief G.-this is first report PD has received of speeding on N. Silver Ln. Not sure if speed limit sign is the solution. Mr. Fydenkevez-suggest putting up 30mph speed limit sign for-thickly settled area. Chief-supports putting up sign.– Board also wants recommendation from Highway Dept.
- March 26, 2012 Minutes- Motion to accept March 26, 2012 minutes by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- **Special Town Meeting Warrant**
 - ✓ Article 2: Overview of Quinn fund deficit history. Discussion regarding Quinn funding. Motion to include by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Article 6: Ch. 720 Unemployment deficit. Discussion regarding contribution rate and other cost factors. Motion to include by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Article 7: SPL appropriation transfer request. Discussion regarding town meeting transfers vs. end of year transfer process. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.

• **Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

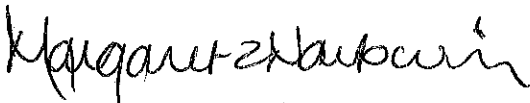
- ✓ Reports of Boards & Committees – Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Omnibus Budget article - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Treasurer authorization to enter into compensating balance agreements - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ BOS authorization to accept grants & donations - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Ch. 90 acceptance & expenditures - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ BOS authorization to enter into contracts over 3 years - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ BOS authorization to enter into inter-municipal agreements - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - ✓ Treasurer authorization to borrow in anticipation of revenue - Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- BYOB Draft Policy – for Common Victualler license holders. Mr. Bergeron-Town has one-day liquor license policy under which licenses could be made available with Board of Selectmen/LLA approval. Continue review at next meeting.
 - Town Administrator contract – Mr. Bergeron willing to serve as Board’s point person for negotiations. Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

Next meeting April 9th, Highway and General Government budget hearings.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator