

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – January 23, 2012

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

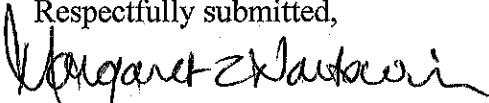
- Call to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Underrides-Ms. Nartowicz provided a summary of override process. Mr. Pierce-budget cuts would have to be made to accommodate an override. Mr. Fydenkevez-budget growth is expected in FY13. Could understand an override if reducing excess levy capacity from prior override. Would suggest resident come up with suggestions for budget cuts in order to achieve desired override level. Mr. Bergeron-overview of revenue sources and assessments. Wouldn't support an override at this time. Discussion regarding need to identify where budget cuts would be made.
- Community Innovation Challenge Grant-Board of Health members Caitlyn Rock and Kenneth Kushi present. Ms. Rock gave an overview of proposed regional health cooperative and CIC grant opportunity. Mr. Fydenkevez-feels that direct collaboration with other communities is the right way to pursue regionalization. Discussion regarding regionalization; cost savings; service quality. Motion to sign CIC application local support documentation form to create Franklin County Area Boards of Health Association by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- January 9, 2012 Minutes-Mr. Fydenkevez-discussion regarding ABCC workshop at MMA conference. Motion to accept January 9, 2012 minutes by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Personnel Committee FY13 COLA Recommendation-Mr. Pierce-overview of salary adjustment formula for municipal non-union employees. Personnel Committee 1.5% salary adjustment recommendation read by Clerk, Mr. Pierce. Mr. Fydenkevez-feels that the number could be plugged in for now, understanding the budget process is fluid.
- Sewer Extension Request-Tom Zimnowski requests proceeding with a sewer system extension. Discussion regarding steps required to move forward. Ms. Nartowicz to contact engineering firms to determine what an expansion study would entail. 1960's-1970's historical records should include information regarding betterments assessed to homeowners for construction. Would have to look at capacity of WWTP, phased expansion and maximum build-out. Ms. Nartowicz to notify Planning Board of intent to study sewer expansion. Discussion regarding ground water protection, home value with public sewer hook up. Highway Superintendent needs to be involved for road cuts, infrastructure work. Sewer Commissioners meeting to be scheduled for late February/early March.
- Housing Committee-Chair, Sara Snyder present. Mr. Bergeron provided overview of process Housing Committee followed to identify town property able to accommodate affordable housing. Ms. Snyder summarized abutters' concerns expressed at recent public forums. Housing Committee voted unanimously to request the Board of Selectmen declare the property surplus. Mr. Bergeron-overview of RFP process upon town meeting approval. Mr. Fydenkevez-Town has desired affordable housing for quite some time. Discussion regarding investigating surplus declaration process and potential impacts. Mr. Bergeron asked whether it could be undeclared if town meeting's vote was negative. Ms. Nartowicz to contact Counsel regarding surplus declaration. Discussion regarding addressing concerns expressed throughout process. Ms. Snyder-working with consultant from MHP on Town's affordable housing goals.
- FY13 Budget Format-Proposal to present bottom-line budget for Town Meeting vote, similar to existing Budget Segment Totals sheet. Free Cash components overview.
- Sugarbush Update-Mr. Bergeron-MOU may be developed for Amherst, Sunderland, and Sunderland Water District joint purchase. Board of Selectmen approval required for Kopelman & Paige to represent Amherst and Sunderland. Mr. Fydenkevez-not opposed, but suggests independent legal review of agreement near end of process. Motion to consent to determination by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Motion to designate Mr. Fydenkevez as Sugarbush negotiations contact during Mr. Bergeron's absence.
- Solar Project Update-working on RFP, sorting out state regulations with Counsel and consultant.
- EPC Updates-PSC air condenser unit updates by Mr. Bergeron. Smaller unit would achieve greater savings.

- Presidential Primary Warrant-Warrant and Return read by Clerk, Mr. Pierce. Motion to sign warrant by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- MMA Conference Update-Mr. Fydenkevez-Motion to send letter of appreciation and congratulations to Rep. Kulik on his legislator of the year award, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez and 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator

POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 39 § 23A AS AMENDED

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Place: Sunderland Town Offices
Day: Monday Date: January 23, 2012 Time: 7:00PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM Board of Health re: Community Innovation Challenge Grant support
7:15PM Personnel Committee re: FY13 salary adjustment recommendation
7:45PM Tom Zimnowski re: sewer extension
8:00PM Sara Snyder re: Housing Committee request for surplus property declaration

APPROVE MINUTES

-January 9, 2012

OLD BUSINESS

-Underrides
-Updates: FY13 Budget, Sugarbush, Solar, EPC, other

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

-Presidential Primary Warrant

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

-Monday, February 6, 2012 - Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Received by Town Clerk date/time