BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES -April 30, 2012

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Bergeron

Absent: Mr. Pierce

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:03 pm.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- TM wrap-up. 128 people attended town meeting. Discussion regarding warrant length and composition. Mr. Fydenkevez explained why Town Counsel attends Town Meeting. Town has found that having legal counsel present is beneficial to Town officials and attendees. Mr. Bergeron: 1) Capital items from Capital Plan should be bundled in one article. 2) Order of warrant articles should be determined by the Board for better flow. 3) Town meeting closing time needs to be addressed. Mr. Fydenkevez-adjourning at a more reasonable time like 9:30 pm to a specific date & time may keep town meeting moving more efficiently. Setting speaking limits is difficult because presenters work very hard over a long time to bring certain subjects to town meeting. Discussion regarding establishing presentation/speaking limits, adjourn time, scheduling the next Monday after Friday TM for an 'adjourn to' date. Mr. Fydenkevez-very little town meeting discussion on new budget format. SES budget-reiterated comments on the need to fund education adequately and appropriately.
 - Tom Zimnowski noted that Sunderland's 300th anniversary in 2018 should start being funded. Mr. Bergeron noted additional comments on warrant article order. Mr. Fydenkevez gave clarification on Key Box bylaw and Frontier Agreement, and announced that a new FRSC member has to be appointed by the Board in the coming appointment cycle. Interested residents should contact the Board's office. Mr. Bergeron noted upcoming appointment cycle begins July 1st. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that the cost to reconstruct the Hadley Road culvert may be able to be brought down. Board has historically applied Ch. 90 to road resurfacing plan; not the purchase of equipment.
- Reminder Town Election, Saturday, May 5th at Sunderland Elementary School. Ballot includes 2 questions; one on eliminating farm animal and machinery excise, and one to fund a \$30,000 capital stabilization override.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Z. Nartowicz Town Administrator