

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – May 7, 2012

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

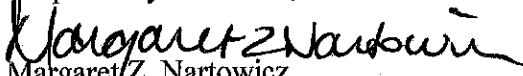
Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:05 pm
 - Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen for the coming year-Mr Fydenkevez nominated as Chair by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. No other nominations. Vote 3-0. Mr. Pierce nominated as Vice Chair by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. No other nominations. Vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron nominated as Clerk by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. No other nominations. Vote 3-0.
 - Mr. Bergeron-low voter turnout at town election. Several write-ins. Question 1 passed. Question 2 failed-Capital needs don't change, and will continue in the future. Thanks to the voters who did come out to vote.
 - Common Victualler/Peddler/Solicitor License-Brian Clifford submitted application for mobile hot dog cart. 40x48x52" dimensions. Mr. Bergeron-overview of Common Victualler licensing requirements. Discussion regarding food preparation, service and inspections. Mr. Clifford stated that he carries two 45-gallon trash barrels in his vehicle and leaves area cleaner than when he arrives. Discussion regarding CORI requirement. Add to Police Dept. soliciting/canvassing application. Primary location will be athletic fields when teams are playing, and only during daylight hours. Motion to approve contingent on successful Board of Health food inspection by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Per Police Chief-cart can't be set up along state highways without DOT, Police Chief, and Board of Selectmen approval. Vote 3-0. Discussion regarding operation and to whom license is issued.
 - Hadley Road culvert pedestrian access-Victor Zumbruski presented request for pedestrian path over Hadley Road culvert. Discussion regarding feasibility of opening to pedestrians during known safety issue. Mr. Zumbruski needs minimum 4 foot wide access to accommodate wheelchair. Suggestion to stagger barricades to allow only pedestrians and no motor vehicles. Mr. Bergeron-Highway Superintendent and Chief to meet to determine feasibility and design. Ms. Nartowicz will contact insurance carrier to see if liability can be mitigated through signage, etc. Bring back to next Board meeting.
 - Police Department-Chief Gilbert and Patrolman Golann-Police Department is looking to implement use of tasers. Chief-Tasers are a safe tool and beneficial for officer safety. Incidents have become increasingly dangerous. Tasers are more effective and do less damage than batons. Chief has requested an appropriation transfer to purchase 2 tasers. Officers would be trained and certified. Mr. Bergeron-question regarding replacement/maintenance costs. Chief-very little maintenance. Batteries and cartridges need replacement. Training cartridges would be needed. Each unit is approximately \$800 to \$1,000, including cartridges and holster. Ms. Nartowicz will contact insurance carrier regarding liability issues, etc. Officer would still carry pepper and batons. Discussion regarding Chief's assignment of tasers to officers, and department requirement to carry tasers. Discussion regarding review of policy after given period of time, training, contract impacts.
 - April 23, 2012 Minutes - Motion to accept by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - April 27, 2012 (SES-Town Meeting)-No Board business conducted. No vote.
 - April 30, 2012 Minutes - Motion to accept by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 2-0-1. Mr. Pierce not present at the April 30, 2012 meeting.
 - Updates - Sugarbush-Mr. Bergeron-offer presented to developer, expects movement in next week or so. Town Meeting procedures-Board to continue discussion. Discussion regarding more efficient warrant preparation.
 - FY13 budget accounts and authority-Ms. Nartowicz gave an overview of FY13 general ledger draft account structure with sub-accounts for tracking expenses in various categories.
 - LED Signboard-Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of documented need for communication tool from prior storms; especially October 2011 snow storm.
 - Planning Board Resignation-Will Sillin. Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of process to fill vacancy of an elected official per G.L. c. 41, §11.
 - Selectmen's Summer Schedule-Ms. Nartowicz to bring Board of Selectmen summer schedule to next meeting.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz

Town Administrator