

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –May 14, 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 6:32 p.m. in 1st floor meeting room – Meeting with Veterans' Memorial Oversight Committee (VMOC) - Janet Conley, Mickey Ahearn and Dan VanDalsen, and Landscape Designers Liz Thompson and Dean Cardasis. Others: Albin Koblinski.
- Mr. Cardasis and Ms. Thompson gave an overview of tree and understory design choices. Elms were chosen to create canopy; contemplative space. Discussion regarding thinning trees vs. hard pruning. Mr. Ahearn-may not need as many trees; maybe a different species. Discussion regarding residents' input on replanting trees or leaving no trees, types of trees, design concept and effect. Discussion regarding pruning shrubs, maintaining ground cover.
- Board resumed meeting in 2nd floor meeting room at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Fydenkevez-Board reviewed and discussed Veterans' Memorial trees with VMOC and Veterans' Memorial landscape designers. Mr. Pierce-understands choice of elm trees in memorial design. Discussion regarding types of trees and impact on design and function.
- May 7, 2012 Minutes- Motion to accept May 7, 2012 minutes by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez-Roberts Rules may not require 2nd to a motion in small group. Would like to review.
- Updates-Ms. Nartowicz gave updates on Green Communities, Solar RFP, Regional EMS, and PD tasers. Board will hold public forum on tasers on June 18th. Mr. Bergeron-ongoing negotiations with Sugarbush developer, more information expected in the next week. Mr. Pierce-website updates. Working on moving archival content over to new site. Mr. Fydenkevez-Attended FRCOG Council meeting last week at John Olver Transit Center in Greenfield. Beautiful facility.
- DHCD Priority Development Fund application-Ms. Nartowicz gave an overview of application to fund site studies at Garage Rd. parcel.
- Community Development Strategy updates-public forum June 4th at 6:30pm.
- Board of Selectmen Summer Schedule-Motion by Mr. Bergeron to approve summer schedule, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Goals-Board members to submit their goals to the Town Administrator by June 4th and put on agenda-to be reviewed at each meeting. Town Administrator to update existing goals; remove completed ones. Board to prioritize goals. Mr. Fydenkevez-Department goals. Set meetings between Board of Selectmen and departments, boards, and committees - to submit goals by June 1st each year.
- Hadley Road Culvert pedestrian access - Insurance carrier recommendations read by Clerk, Mr. Bergeron. Photos of damage. George Emery, Highway Supt.-would stagger barriers to prohibit motorcycle access. Chief Gilbert-agrees with Mr. Emery. Discussion regarding signage, daily monitoring and logging. Motion to move forward with recommendations incorporating MIIA's recommendations; authority given to Highway Supt. to close culvert without notice, by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Signage is important. Vote 3-0.
- Highway Department 2012 Projects-List read by Mr. Emery. Discussion regarding tree work, especially on North and South Main Streets. Mr. Fydenkevez-RFP could be put out with town meeting funding for tree work. Mr. Bergeron-CPA historic district funding may be able to be used for inventory. Discussion regarding signs at end of Old Amherst Road, catch basin cleaning, summer help at Highway Garage.
- Mr. Pierce announced that 6th grade class and others are donating pavilion behind Sunderland Elementary School. Ms. Nartowicz-Town's insurance carrier has been notified.
- Mass Broadband updates - Cable and equipment to be installed in 3 of 4 Sunderland Community Anchor Institutions on May 24th & 25th. 4th building (PSC) to be scheduled for a later date. Middle-Mile fiber will be run along Bull Hill Road into Leverett. (1) Pole location request has been received.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Z. Nartowicz

Town Administrator