

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –November 19, 2012

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

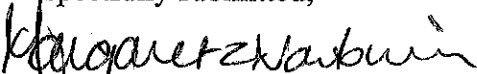
Present: Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Pierce

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Richie Wheeler

- Call to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Tax Classification Hearing-Board of Assessors. Mike Skibiski-Assessors recommend a single tax rate for all classifications in Town for the coming year. Excess levy capacity \$55,414.09. Last year's rate was \$12.97/1,000. Estimate is \$13.41 for the coming year. Some real estate and personal property valuations have been reduced this year. Discussion regarding apartment complex tax classification. Of the \$303.8 million value in residential, \$38 million is in the apartment complexes, plus personal property. Discussion regarding commercial valuations and basis for taxation. New growth increase of \$23, 944. Motion to accept recommendation of tax factor of one (single tax rate) by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Noted that classification hearing legal notice was published in the newspaper on Nov. 8, 2012.
- Cartographics Map Update Contract-Lee Whitcomb, Assessors' Administrative Assistant-summary of new GIS component in contract. Increase of \$300 will be paid from FY13 Technology Expense line.
- FY13 CDBG Public Hearing-Bruce Hunter-Housing rehab and meals-on-wheels competitive (4-town) application is due February 5, 2013; funds come from HUD. Overview of housing rehab and meals-on-wheels programs. Discussion regarding publicizing services. Mr. Hunter-explanation of grant process. Eligible residents should be encouraged to apply. Ms. Nartowicz to ask Doug Finn (FCAT) to get in touch with Bruce and Donna Liebl. Discussion regarding CDFII vs. CDFI. Motion to authorize Chair Fydenkevez to sign application letter by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Sewer Tax Rate-Herb Sanderson, Treasurer-Collector. 1260 hookups. \$318,780 needs to be raised to cover sewer operating and debt. Rate calculates to \$253/unit. Discussion regarding reflecting capital in sewer rate. Motion to set the FY13 sewer rate at \$253 per hookup to raise a total of \$318,780 by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- November 5, 2012 Minutes- Motion to accept November 5, 2012 minutes by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Town Administrator Updates-List read by Ms. Nartowicz.
- Board Updates-Mr. Bergeron-Franklin County Tech School negotiations meetings are ongoing. Mr. Pierce-website should be ready next month. Has had conversation with residents about street lighting, with possible assessment of betterment fees. Mr. Fydenkevez-Thanks to Tim Merritt and Dan Vandalsen for their work on Veterans' Day Ceremony, also to the staff, school volunteers and presenters at the ceremony. Will improve publicity for event in the future. Veterans' Memorial looks very nice. Thanks to Ms. Nartowicz for her ongoing work on many projects simultaneously.
- Regional EMS-Mr. Fydenkevez-Deerfield, Whately and Sunderland Board of Selectmen met on November 14th to hear proposal for regional EMS service. Ambulance Director Ahearn and his personnel will attend Selectmen's December 3rd meeting at 7 pm to discuss. Mr. Bergeron-thought it was good discussion. Some duplication among the towns was noted. Service and capacity in its current form is somewhat fragile. Discussion regarding current service and opportunities, and desire to retain volunteerism.
- EPC Certificate of Final Completion-Ms. Nartowicz to ask Siemens for written response as to their requested date of Final Completion.
- DLS Technical Assistance Request-IT review. Discussion regarding advances in technology and baseline technology needs. Motion to sign letter by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Reminders: Solar project public forum next Monday at 7:00 pm. Happy Thanksgiving to all.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz

Town Administrator