

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –November 26, 2012  
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

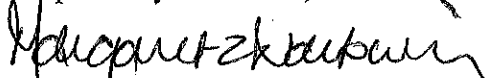
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- Call to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Solar Public Forum-Mr. Pierce-overview of project evaluation and preliminary selection process. Mr. Fydenkevez-proposal includes both the Public Safety Complex and the Elementary School sites. Lee Ann McDonald noted that a power plant would be next door to the school building. Discussion regarding agricultural use of Sunderland Elementary School land and views from Mt. Sugarloaf. Discussion regarding solar power generation. Tom Zimnowski-need to discuss educational factor and agricultural history including tobacco fields and the public health impact of tobacco. Mr. Pierce-overview of equipment manufacturers, proposed project developer, and educational incentives. Comments regarding flooding risk at Public Safety Complex parcel. Question regarding solar on APR land. Bruce Bennett-doesn't see enough of an economic benefit to justify tying up municipal parcels for several years. Discussion regarding current and planned use of land; possible net metering deals from other out-of-town projects. A resident attendee noted his excitement about the project because of environmental benefits. Will Sillin-concerns with federal subsidies contributing to federal deficit. Al Koblinski-Clarence Clark donated that land and was an advocate for APR. Mr. Bergeron-\$2 million bond would be necessary; questions town's appetite for bonding for this project. Discussion regarding economic benefits - Town ownership vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> party; off-grid vs. net metering.
- Public Comment - Mr. Koblinski-elementary school lighting is excessive. Parking lot and entrance lights are staying on all night. Speed bumps need to be lowered or eliminated. Cars are going around onto sidewalk or grass.
- Board Updates-Mr. Pierce went on parcel walk-through for solar projects. Discussion regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> party solar vs. town-owned. Ms. Nartowicz to discuss small community impacts with solar consultant. Mr. Bergeron-difficult finding support for capital investment/borrowing. TA Updates-hold.
- Highway Seasonal Laborer-Highway Superintendent recommendation. Motion to appoint Duane Jenks as Highway Seasonal Laborer through remainder of current appointment cycle by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator