

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – January 28, 2013**

### **SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

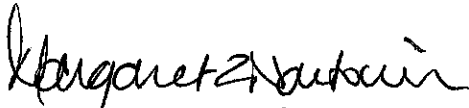
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- Call to order at 7:07 p.m.
- Police Department Budget Hearing - Chief Gilbert-overview of 'Level Service (mostly)' budget. Full time officer wages to be negotiated April 1; reflect no increased wages in budget request. Police Department Clerk-request for restoration of 6.5 weekly, to equal 30 hrs/wk. Police Department state mandated training- \$5,600 shown under requested overtime for FY14. Board recommendation to identify the dollar amount as "required training" under OT. Chief Gilbert-portion of firearms training expense request is mandated (unfunded). 'Needs' Budget-Chief Gilbert-overview. Includes another full time officer and additional part time officers. Explanation of shift coverage needs. Discussion regarding court time and town's requirement to pay. Mr. Fydenkevez-letter should go to DA's office to express Town's concern and ask for support. Chief Gilbert-requesting some help to improve shift coverage. Capital Requests-replace 2004 Ford sedan with 150,000 miles (Chief's car), with Chevy Caprice. Discussion regarding fuel economy, engine power. Chief Gilbert- after FY14 request, no vehicle replacement requests for 3 years. New cruiser would become front line cruiser and Chief would get the 2008 front line cruiser. New taser request-\$1,050. Mobile data terminals - Chief Gilbert-essential for officer safety and effective response. Neighboring department is donating 2 computers; \$3,200 one time cost for refurbishing and stands; air cards \$40/month per computer. Discussion regarding disposition of surplus equipment. Board to send formal request to Police Department union to start wage negotiations prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Fund agreement -Robin Sherman, Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (FCRHRA). Agreement reflects changes per Kopelman & Paige's legal review for another town (Heath). Appendix C and D need to be executed within one week, in time for CDBG grant submission. Town Administrator will contact Heath for legal review information and Board of Selectmen will execute agreement on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bergeron-questions regarding Governor's proposed consolidation of HRAs. Ms. Sherman-FCRHRA is regional and covers 26 towns. Discussion regarding c.40B thresholds; affordable housing funding; state statute and regulations; "regional" consideration in matters of affordable housing.
- January 14, 2013 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Bergeron to accept the minutes of January 14, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- January 16, 2013 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Bergeron to accept the minutes of January 16, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting Motions review. Ms. Nartowicz-Town received Free Cash Approval notification on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Article 3- Motion to fund from Free Cash by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
  - Article 4- Motion to fund from Free Cash by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.Mr. Bergeron noted that the Finance Committee voted 3-1 with two members absent to recommend STM Articles 1-3. Mr. Fydenkevez-overview of cost to Town for construction, operation, maintenance, etc. of a solar system. Discussion regarding areas of concern & answers to questions on market risk, use of land, electric supply prices, excess generation, federal subsidies, aesthetics, revenues. Mr. Pierce-not sure Town is in such a good financial position to turn away steady revenue stream. Discussion regarding natural gas prices, job creation.
- DLTA-overview of priority ranking sheets. Submission deadline February 1. Ms. Nartowicz to prepare and submit documentation supporting prioritized projects.
- Energy Audit-Motion to authorize CPO to accept Bales Energy Associates proposal for \$19,985 (GC grant funded) by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Town Caucus-Notice read by Clerk, Mr. Bergeron. Motion to sign Caucus Warrant by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

- Reminders-Special Town Meeting-January 30, 2013. Discussion regarding \$131,500 scenic byway funds to cover 100% of Sunderland's share of APR acquisition (Brown and Regan parcel).
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator