

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –March 25, 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 7:06 p.m.
- FY14 Budget - Ms. Nartowicz gave an overview of the FY14 budget preparation process and revenue projections. Discussion regarding revenues; levy capacity; other revenue sources. Budget section overview: Ms. Nartowicz-General Government; Chief Gilbert-Police Department, request part-time officer wages increase. Board of Selectmen to discuss PD staffing with Chief on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Fire Department budget-Chief Ahearn; Inspectors and Other Protection-Ms. Nartowicz and Chief Ahearn. Discussion regarding street lights. Mr. Fydenkevez-would like to look into street light replacement after this budget process. Highway Department-discussion regarding incremental restoration of man hours. Sunderland Public Library (SPL)- John Sackrey and Adam Novitt-\$1,671 needed in Library Expense line to get off waivers. Propose reducing SPL Building Operating by \$1,671 and increasing Library Expense by same amount. Discussion regarding revenue limitations; state bureaucracy. Mr. Fydenkevez-Library Trustees should submit formal request for budget modification for Board of Selectmen vote. Sunderland Elementary School-Mr. Fydenkevez - crucial for school committees to understand revenues prior to preparing budgets. Discussion regarding class size; programs; school choice. Frontier Budget-discussion regarding limitations of Proposition 2 ½ and unsustainable budget requests; enrollment. Benefits and Insurance-Herb Sanderson; Miscellaneous and Reserve-Ms. Nartowicz. Ms. Nartowicz-WWTP budget is funded by sewer user fees.
- FY14 Capital - Discussion regarding ability to fund. Mr. Bergeron-propose putting forth capital stabilization override on the Town Election ballot. Richard Lopatka-suggest putting together numbers showing tax rate reduction from SES debt pay off and tax rate impact from capital stabilization override. Discussion regarding equipment funding & review of FY14 Capital requests. Modified list attached to minutes. Discussion regarding Frontier budget and capital plan. Frontier Capital Plan-Motion to remove capital plan unless projects can be justified for life and safety by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Motion to include N. Main St. pre-engineering, SPL fence, and Highway salt shed siding by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Hold on Highway small dump truck replacement-further discussion with Highway Superintendent. Hold on cruiser replacement. Mr. Bergeron-propose \$50,000 Capital Stabilization override. Mr. Fydenkevez-propose \$75,000. Discussion regarding \$80,000 average prior years' capital expenditures. Motion to include \$75,000 Capital Stabilization override question on town election ballot by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- March 18, 2013 Minutes - Motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2013 by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant Review
- Building Commissioner Resignation - Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Erik Wight by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates - Mr. Bergeron is meeting with current owners of Sugarbush parcel on Thursday. Mr. Fydenkevez-Frontier negotiations are ongoing.

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 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator