

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –September 9, 2013**

### **SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

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- Call to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Treasurer/Collector - Rob Kane was introduced as the new Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of the position's functions. Mr. Bergeron - letter of appreciation from the Board to composite team which filled in during the extended vacancy and transition in the Treasurer/Collector's office.
- August 26, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes for August 26, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- August 29, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes for August 29, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 2-0-1 (Mr. Bergeron absent).
- Regional EMS - Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the 3-town process. Board of Selectmen (BOS) set a September 27<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting date, but didn't post the warrant. BOS takes town meeting seriously and recognizes unfinished business on staffing and EMS model. Mr. Fydenkevez-The 3-town Regional EMS group thought there was importance in bringing proposal to all residents, and came up with potential plan for a 24/7 manning schedule. Deerfield has indicated that they'd like to pursue 2 options to bring to its Special Town Meeting - 24/7 and 16hr staffing Monday-Friday. Deerfield wants other towns to vote before Deerfield. Reminder that a serious problem has been identified by the consultant's report and EMS Directors and needs to be addressed. Need a Plan B. Supporters of greater staffing model defend that system could start and be built on without having to go back to ask for more in short term. Mr. Pierce-after last meeting there was agreement to present the same plan to every town. An alternate plan (16hr Mon-Fri) doesn't address the 24/7 need. Postponing town meeting would allow citizens of each town to understand the scope. Mr. Pierce-Technical issues have been addressed and political issues are surfacing. Mr. Fydenkevez-Plan has a detailed budget and like starting a business, has many unknowns. Mr. Pierce-Incredible amount of time and information has been dedicated to the process over last few years. Mr. Fydenkevez- Sunderland BOS has had best record of attendance at all of the planning meetings. Mr. Bergeron-Working group still has homework to do. Continue to work on setting date for a 3-town service public forum. Motion to postpone Special Town Meeting by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez-Instruct Town Administrator to inform Deerfield and Whately Town Administrators to inform them what was decided. Try to schedule meeting of 3-towns' boards to discuss status of initiative as soon as possible.
- Board Updates-Back to weekly schedule.
- Town Administrator Updates-solar, Garage Road parcel site studies, DLS Technology Review, etc.
- Election Worker Appointments-List read by Clerk, Mr. Fydenkevez. Motion to appoint election workers by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- 4-Town/FRSC meeting this Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Frontier Media Center.
- Temporary Treasurer/Collector appointment rescission request-Thanks for all the effort. Motion to rescind appointment by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> for discussion by Mr. Fydenkevez. Ask Ms. Nartowicz to come up with a staffing contingency plan to use in the event of future vacancies. Vote 3-0.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator