

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –October 21, 2013

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: FCAT

- Call to order at 6:35 p.m.
Executive session c.30A, §21, ¶1 read by Chair, Mr. Bergeron. Motion to enter into executive session by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Roll call vote: Bergeron-yes, Pierce-yes, Fydenkevez-yes. Will reconvene in open session.
- Reconvened at 7:24pm
- September 30, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes of September 30, 2013, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- October 7, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes of October 7, 2013, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0-1.
- October 15, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes of October 15, 2013, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting Recap - Mr. Pierce-Good questions were asked. Mr. Fydenkevez-Challenging getting information out there so people can make informal decisions. Mr. Bergeron-There were quality, detailed questions. Town meeting is an exercise in self-government. Thanks to those who attended and voted.
- Highway Department Updates - George Emery, Highway Superintendent, gave updates on the highway department. Mr. Emery-Winter takes a toll on roads. Got a lot done this year. Did 10 to 12 new basins on Garage Road, several roads got oil and stone, and repaved North Silver Lane. New salt vendor this coming winter. Bids on new truck chassis and body next Thursday. Hadley Road culvert holding up well. Report on mountain roads. Winter road closings next Board of Selectmen agenda. Discussion regarding self-performed (in-house) work; looking to next year; oil and stone vs. paving; availability and use of Ch. 90 (state funding).
- Police Department Updates and Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) - Chief Gilbert gave an overview of agreement. Discussion regarding Franklin County geography & mutual aid limitations; commanding officer authority; applicability of agreement in various scenarios. Mr. Fydenkevez-would recommend revisiting with Chief in 6 months to determine robustness of internal policies in relation to MAA. Motion to accept MAA and authorize Chair to sign by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Treasurer/Collector functions Audit Report - Motion to accept Melanson Heath report by Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Softball Field Proposal - Shana Deane and Deb Lane presented plans for project undertaken on request of Superintendent Marti Barrett. Renovation proposed on softball field at Sunderland Elementary School (SES) to enhance recreation. Completion and dedication planned for Spring 2014. Abuts actively used soccer field. Met with Todd Neurminger to discuss plan and concerns. No outfield fence proposed. School holds the schedule for those facilities. Met with Jim Ewen last week. Ms. Lane-overview of construction plans and timeline. Mr. Pierce-recommend speaking with Conservation Commission. Ms. Deane-Overview of funding strategy. CPA could provide some funding. Would like to move on the project as soon as November. Mr. Pierce-ongoing maintenance will be the biggest challenge. Recreation Committee will meet Thursday night to decide authority and maintenance fund. Mr. Bergeron-Need to be clear on various responsibilities (Sunderland Elementary School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting). Mr. Fydenkevez-1. Field does have wet areas. Is that the best location for the field? 2. There was agreement when that field went in, that SES was going to maintain it. Should be agreement in place for maintenance of field. 3. Some of the towns' fields are maintained by Frontier or Frontier applies funding to maintenance. Sunderland should have agreement with Frontier. Mr. Bergeron-check back in on the November 4th meeting for an update. Would be looking for various committees' officials' review. Ongoing review of general government staffing backfill plan.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Z. Nartowicz

Town Administrator