

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – November 18, 2013

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Sunderland Public Library Trustees John Sackrey, Peter Lacey, Richard Lopatka, Beth Berry, Lorin Starr, Valerie Voorheis; Adam Novitt, Library Director


Behind the Camera: FCAT

- Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunderland Public Library Trustees – Joint meeting to fill trustee vacancy until next annual town election. Nomination for Library Trustee, David Wissemann. Roll call vote of voting attendees recorded as unanimous (8-0). Adam Novitt provided Library updates-Young adult grant being put to use; people are checking out more books; recently equaled program attendance. Overview of ongoing programs-moms and babies group, knitting group, chess club, summer concert series. Looking to put signage in library, developing policies, building is 10 years old-need to replace a compressor. Looking at mini golf in the teen program. Programs are advertised on SPL webpage, email, facebook, local access TV, sandwich board and by press release. Mr. Sackrey-would like to work with town to put more permanent sign at entrance to School Street. Discussion regarding advertising, events. Parking lot fence is up.
- November 4, 2013 Minutes - Motion to accept by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Regional EMS IMA - Mr. Fydenkevez moved that the Board approve the agreement among Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately for South County Emergency Medical Services operations, and authorize signature of the agreement upon approval of the agreement by the other participating towns, and satisfactory completion of 1) the terms of the related building lease agreements for the primary building in South Deerfield and the reserve building in Sunderland, and 2) the master inventory list of equipment, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Temporary Compensation Request - Ms. Nartowicz presented request for temporary compensation/one-time stipends for performing Treasurer/Collector duties during transition. Ms. Nartowicz to keep track of tasks and report back to Board periodically beginning in two weeks. Motion to approve by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Sewer Connection Application - 64 Hadley Road (Map 10, Lot 14)-James Thomas, applicant/property owner. Applicant explained that connection is needed to comply with state regulations for farm. Agricultural use-crossing ditch. Boring will be done to connect to public sewer. Mr. Fydenkevez-to understand it's a private hook up, owner is responsible for rodding/maintaining the private line. Noted it's a private line, so the responsibility belongs to whoever owns that parcel. Before any work is started, applicant must coordinate with Highway Superintendent. Inspections required by WWTP and Highway before excavation is covered. Motion to grant with permit conditions by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Town Administrator Updates - Solar project-solar consultant will present project economics and discuss power purchase and lease agreements with the Board on December 2nd. Community Needs Survey-Connect CTY to go out to try for better response. Treasurer/Collector screening underway-recommendation to the Board next Monday. Sewer billing soon. Mr. Fydenkevez-Memorial service for Tim Merritt last night. Discussion regarding the value of participating in community happenings. Tim was awarded citizen of the year by Veteran District. Mr. Pierce-Massachusetts named the top energy efficient state in the U.S.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator