

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –February 10, 2014

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: FCAT

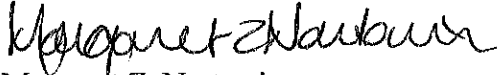
- Call to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- Snowzees DBA name request – Mark Snow-Request for change of DBA to “The O’s”. Manager is the same-no change. No corporate name change. Mr. Fydenkevez-Food cart/trailer cannot locate on the property. Must go through local process for permissions. Motion to grant DBA change by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- February 3, 2014 Minutes- Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates – Mr. Fydenkevez-Regional EMS. Member towns should see some financial benefit from CIC grant. Mr. Bergeron-PD union negotiations continue. Mr. Pierce-Town website progressing.
- Town Administrator Updates - FY15 budget process; CIC grants awarded for regional fire study and FCSWMD plastics recycling program; North Main Street project; Assessors Administrative Assistant hiring process; technology updates; solar project & Green Communities updates.
- Planning Board – Citizen petition for zoning bylaw change. Theresa Jones-Rural Residential (RR) has 20 ft. setback requirement. Village Residential (VR) has 15’ setbacks. Overview of Planning Board discussion and recommendations to Board of Selectmen. Planning Board discussed building into setbacks as long as structure wasn’t more than 50% in setback. Petitioner Doug Smith-RR residents have hardship with wells and septic systems to build accessory buildings. Mr. Fydenkevez-petition came to board. Planning Board had hearing. Citizen petition has to go on warrant as submitted. Planning Board provides report to town meeting. Discussion regarding mechanism to present, withdraw, or amend articles at town meeting.
- Public Comment – Sara Snyder-would like to see Town volunteers come together after town meeting to celebrate accomplishments.
- Community Pathways Citizen Group – Gary Briere overview of history of Community Pathways citizen group. Group would like to help foster experiencing the Town without a car, promoting physical fitness, creating safe environments. Intersection in Town center-sense of danger. Feels like a car zone rather than pedestrian and bicycle zone. Would like to keep infrastructure and promote pedestrian atmosphere. Intersection is key in getting from place to place near center of town. Group has discussed river asset. Talked with a few land owners abutting river. Group thinks there are many opportunities, but residents may feel there are safety barriers to pedestrian and bicycle mobility. Mr. Pierce-Need to think about making economic development enhancements. One big thing that attracts people is sense of community. Need to look at pathway lighting. Strong link to economic development. Mr. Fydenkevez-Would love to hear ideas. One problem is people/cars sitting at light. The design is to keep cars moving. Have to be careful. Maybe intersection needs to be somewhere else. Mr. Briere-there are things you could do with color, lights, etc. to improve intersection. Could create visual cues to show community takes pedestrian and bicycle access seriously. Would like to work toward accomplishing goals within 5-year timeline. Mr. Fydenkevez-Need to look at traffic calming measures. Mr. Briere-MASS DOT is leading conservation on “Complete Streets”. Traci Sackrey-Not much space for pedestrians to stand when waiting to cross. Vehicles race to get through lights on 116. Sidewalks are disjointed between corner store and bridge. Ms. Synder-Group is talking about seeking CPA funds for conceptual design working with UMass LARP or Conway School of Landscape Design. Connecting spaces to create coherence would improve walkability. Discussion regarding lighting to improve safety and character of place. Mr. Fydenkevez-hears complaints about oversaturation of light. Mr. Pierce-New lighting is more efficient and effective for specific purposes. Mr. Briere-Have initiated conversations with land owners and ConCom about river access. Will continue to push plan. Contact District 2 to ask if they’d be willing to meet to consider changes o intersection to improve pedestrian safety and mobility. Discussion regarding tie in with economic development; completing plan/design data preparation prior to going to DOT.

- Mr. Fydenkevez-WMRLS building sale has fallen through. Building Purchase & Sale was for \$750,000. Should continue to look at that option. May not be ideal for senior center but Board of Oversight has had extensive discussion on the Whately building and having a plan in place before lease with SDFD expires.
- Updates-Wednesday 7pm joint Board & FinCom budget meeting with school. Thanks to Highway Department for good job with snow removal operations.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator