

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – January 13, 2014

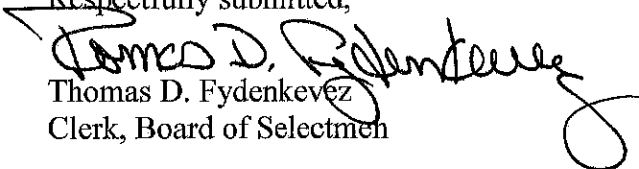
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Behind the Camera: FCAT

- Call to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Agenda overview by Mr. Bergeron. Budget and regular business meetings will alternate biweekly. FY14 Actual tax bills update.
- Heart Safe Community Designation – Linda Moriarty, Robert Ahearn, Marc Tremblay. Ms. Moriarty – Heart Safe began in 2002 to recognize community efforts responding to cardiac arrest and increasing survival rates. American Heart Association backed and strengthened program. Designated communities have seen increase in cardiac incident survival rates through EMS staff efforts. 25% of Western Mass communities have been designated. Sunderland has met criteria for Heart Safe designation-certificate and road signs presented. Mr. Fydenkevez-Regional EMS group wants to keep local EMTs involved in the regional service. Stretchers and other ambulance equipment have been donated by Sunderland Volunteer Firemen's Association. Ms. Moriarty-Heart Safe is 3 year designation-at some point, data may be requested to re-certify. Discussion regarding EMS best practices-dispatch effectiveness is significant part of program.
- Part-time Police Officer appointment – Chief Gilbert-recommend appointment of Benjamin Peters. Some part-time officers have limited availability. Additional officer would help with shift coverage. Mr. Peters has certifications. Recommended by other towns' Police Chiefs. Will be going through field training. Request appointment as Alcohol Enforcement Officer once he's on his own. Discussion regarding part-time officer shift responsibilities-currently required to be available two shifts per month. Mr. Peters says he will be available to cover more than required number of shifts. Will ride with full-time officers and be trained by Sergeant Lyons and Chief. Will undergo review through established process. Motion to appoint Benjamin R. Peters as Part-time Police Officer through June 30, 2014 by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Alcohol License Procedures – Mr. Bergeron-amended to align local inspection procedures with Alcohol License statute and regulations. Motion to adopt amended Alcohol Licensing Procedures and Checklist by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates –
 - Mr. Fydenkevez - South County EMS. Board of Oversight (BoO) has discussed contribution of Whately ambulance to regional EMS for minimal added expense. Wouldn't be outfitted paramedic ambulance. Would be used for football/sports games and local events. Discussed bringing local EMS staff into regional service. David Zajomski is working on required EMT paramedic assist training. Regional EMS Director resumes should be received by January 22nd. Ambulance service may be qualified as paramedic level prior to Director being on board. SOPs and delegation of authority will be done at paramedic level startup. Mr. Fydenkevez-BoO has appointed 3 members and will appoint 3 additional members with EMS experience for EMS Director screening committee. BoO will interview based on screening committee recommendations. Discussion regarding importance of use of legal counsel to ensure impartial, legal screening process. Hiring process can be complicated-questions have to be chosen carefully. Mr. Fydenkevez-BoO appreciates participation of others to ensure successful startup.
 - Mr. Bergeron - Town IT issue is being addressed-firewall updates being done. ISA agreement between Town, Broadway (solar developer) and WMECO has been updated. Police negotiations ongoing. Mr. Fydenkevez-IT data had been backed up prior to firewall issue. Appropriate planning, procedures and steps had been taken prior to issue, so data wasn't compromised. Discussion regarding IT as big part of continuity of government.
- Reminders – Mr. Pierce-erratic weather has created very bad road conditions. Potholes are everywhere-use caution. Mr. Fydenkevez-Family of Tim Merritt put note of thanks in recent newspaper.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas D. Fydenkevez
Clerk, Board of Selectmen