

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – January 27, 2014
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

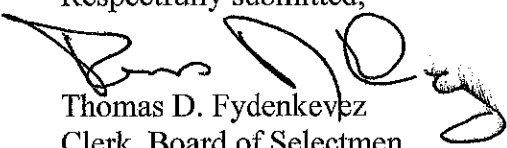
Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Fydenkevez

Behind the Camera: FCAT

Call to order at 7:05 pm.

- Agenda overview by Chair, Mr. Bergeron.
- January 21, 2014 Minutes – (Highway & Police budget meetings) Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates-
 - Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Conference Update-Mr. Pierce-valuable seminars, technology information, good networking. Mr. Fydenkevez-attended hoarding seminar. Identifying hoarding versus squalor is challenging. In Franklin County, every town's Board of Health is typically on its own with hoarding response. Learned importance of holistic response to hoarding through task force system. Will approach FRCOG regarding regional response to hoarding. EMS reports on premises condition when it responds to calls. Hoarding affects 5% of the population. Report on "Green" building and infrastructure. Town's plan for rehabilitating elementary school playground. May be grants available to pay for green playgrounds. Had opportunity to listen to 5 gubernatorial candidates. Unfortunate that not all citizens have opportunity to hear what all candidates have to say. Discussion regarding Governor's FY15 budget proposal. Compared Sunderland's FY14 cherry sheet with FY15 proposal. Ch.70 numbers increase by only \$4,325. Overall increase in estimated receipts is \$101,212, \$80,981 of which is school choice. Local aid projected to increase just over \$20,000. Heard from House Speaker DeLeo who noted the House isn't satisfied with Governor's budget. Representative Kulik agrees with Speaker DeLeo. Discussion regarding role of MMA conference, budget evolution through legislative process, local aid, unfunded mandates, regionalization value and quality, budget development connection with policy.
- Caucus Notice – Read by Clerk, Mr. Fydenkevez. March 3, 2014 at 6:30pm to nominate town officers. Motion to sign by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- FY14 DLTA Request – to be reviewed and commented on by the Board prior to submission to FRCOG.
- Notice of Resignation – Notice from Assessor's Administrative Assistant Lee Whitcomb read by Clerk, Mr. Fydenkevez. Motion to accept with deep regrets by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Resignation effective by end of March. Discussion regarding Lee's contributions and value to the Town.
- Snow & Ice deficit spending request – Request for \$5,000 deficit spending in Snow & Ice Wage appropriation submitted by Highway Superintendent. Motion to allow deficit spending under c.44, §31B by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Discussion regarding challenges associated with Snow & Ice budget and removal operations. Vote 3-0. Request also needs Finance Committee approval.
- South County Senior Center Update – Mr. Fydenkevez-some newspaper reporting on facility condition and operation may not represent exact situation. Basement is not being used currently, but Center is open. Some discussion regarding Center being opened on Tuesdays for programming.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas D. Fydenkevez
Clerk, Board of Selectmen