

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –January 6, 2014

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Finance Committee-Aleks Kajstura, Francis Mozea, Bruce Bennett, and Mark Zinan


Behind the Camera: FCAT

- Call to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Sunderland Public Library (SPL) Budget Hearing-Library Director Adam Novitt-overview of state aid and library budget reliance on state aid. Small increase requests in building operations/building energy; requested 2.5% increase in staff wages and library expense. Library Aid allows SPL to remain on regional library network. Discussion regarding library programs and state aid/waiver. Library state aid formula doesn't allow libraries to do innovative things or get things they need. John Sackrey and Mr. Novitt-SPL tries to be innovative within the allowed structure. Peter Lacey- SPL solicits donations to spend on materials above town appropriation. Mr. Novitt-state is trying to encourage level playing field to encourage participation. Would like to find other appropriate uses for the library space, such as shared office space for home businesses or start-up businesses. FY15 capital request-compressor replacement schedule (5 year) \$6,760. Mr. Bergeron-building needs are coming to light more increasingly. Mr. Fydenkevez-WWTP is good example of adequately maintaining buildings. Funding source is provided (sewer fees) to do so. Mr. Bergeron-SPL circulation is up, programs are up and building is holding up. Mr. Novitt-programs update.
- Sunderland Elementary School (SES) Playground-Justine Rosewarne presented SES playground plan. Looking for CPA funds for rehab. Some structures came from older elementary school and other places. Playground surface is an issue. Traci Sackrey and Carlos Nieto are also working on this. Need to replace most structures, surface and make it handicap accessible. Would like to incorporate fitness trail around perimeter of school, and bird viewing area around wetlands. Small garden area out front (rain garden) where classes could have activities. Mr. Bergeron-include opportunity for public input. Ms. Rosewarne-Looking at having meeting to solicit input. Playground surface would need drainage. CPA application process underway. Playground reconstruct would be on existing footprint.
- December 23, 2013 Minutes- Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes for December 23, 2013, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Updates-Mr. Bergeron-Met with Siemens on first year annual performance assurance. Exceeded expectations. Additional areas of opportunity to increase energy savings. Police Department negotiations, third meeting coming up. School reconstruction long-term debt payoff on this bill warrant. Mr. Fydenkevez-SCEMS Board of Oversight meeting tomorrow night at 7pm in Sunderland Public Safety Complex. SCEMS Director ads will be in local newspapers. BoO Senior Center meeting upcoming.
- Town Administrator Updates-Sewer commitment \$359,240.92 Flat sewer fee \$284.66/hook up x 1,262 hook ups. Tax FY14 rate has been certified by DOR.
- Surplus Declaration-Motion by Mr. Pierce to declare seven light fixtures at GML surplus for Swampfield Historical Society to replace with historically accurate fixtures, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- History of Sunderland Volume III - Letter of congratulations from Dr. Russ Lane on job well done. Mr. Fydenkevez-Volume III available on Amazon.com.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator