

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –February 24, 2014**

**SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Finance Committee - Aleks Kajustra, Bruce Bennett, Mark Zinan, Sean Randall, and Francis Mozea**

**Behind the Camera: FCAT**

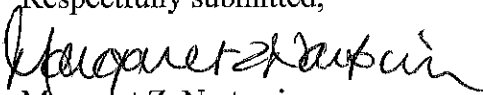
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- Call to order at 7:01 p.m. Moment in History - Mr. Fydenkevez read excerpt from 1919 Town Report.
- General Government budget meeting
  - Treasurer/Collector – Susan Warriner-Expense/Payroll Service, Unemployment Insurance, Debt service. Payroll system and payroll function summary requested.
  - Accountant – Brian Morton-Contracted Accountant-municipal accounting, hours, assessment. Accountant Expense-Fundware. Schedule A submitted; Free Cash this week, also vendor warrant week.
  - Town Clerk – Wendy Houle-Elections budget growth. Different way of voting proposed in 2016 that could have staff and financial impacts on town. Discussion regarding intent of proposal, impacts, integrity of election process. Town Caucus next Monday at 6:30pm.
  - Recreation – Jim Ewen-Trying to get people on committee to look at other things. Increased need for coordinator & supervision at basketball and soccer games and other recreation programs/events. Ski program has turned into intergenerational program-good value. Would like to do more programs that involve parents. Discussion regarding trends in sports popularity. Team sizes have decreased with fewer kids in town over the years. Sunderland volleyball program is popular. Deerfield offers field hockey program that Sunderland participates in. Flexible program enrollment timeline with no penalty. Music Together is new music and movement program at Library for parents/grandparents and young children.
  - Assessors – No attendees-Expense/GIS discussion. Request for Assessors to come to future meeting.
  - Boards & Committees – Discussion regarding Telecommunication and ZBA fees.
  - Board of Selectmen – Staffing backfill contingency-need policy driven justification. Buildings-discussion regarding building maintenance, in-house vs. contract. Mr. Fydenkevez-would like to see what we're spending on building maintenance now or work with other towns or schools to coordinate. Discussion regarding street lights-complaints; sidewalks-ability to maintain; Veteran's benefits. Solar project revenues to offset solar expense in future years.
- FY15 Revenues – Ms. Nartowicz gave an overview. Discussion regarding programmatic approach to projecting and applying revenues; funding ability.
- February 10, 2014 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes for February 10, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- February 12, 2014 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes for February 12, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates – Mr. Fydenkevez-Regional EMS Board of Oversight meeting Thursday; EMS Director finalists; working out details on finance and fiduciary responsibility. Mr. Pierce- attended meeting on Comcast negotiations. Public hearing March 17<sup>th</sup>-opportunity to provide public comment. . Comcast subscribers should bring concerns forward. Mr. Bergeron-Police Department negotiations ongoing. School/Town capital definitions/strategy meeting Thursday.
- Personnel Committee appointment - Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to appoint Russell Cranshaw to the Personnel Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Snow & Ice Deficit Spending Request - Motion to approve up to \$10,000 deficit spending from Snow & Ice Expense as requested by the Highway Superintendent by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator