

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –March 31, 2014
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

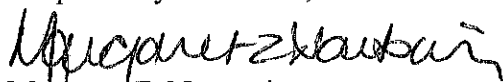
Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: FCAT

- Call to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda. History of Sunderland, Volume III hardcover is available.
 - Solar Update-Mr. Bergeron gave an update. Two factors impacting the project; 1) Two projects needed to be constructed by June 30th, and 2) Broadway was being liquidated. It became clear on conference call on Thursday that proceeding with project in SREC1 was monumental task. Options may include proceeding in SREC II. RFP is done. Discussion regarding damages. Motion to exercise early termination right based on failure to begin construction in timely manner by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Board of Selectmen Updates – Mr. Fydenkevez-Men's and Woman's Clubs put on a senior appreciation dinner Saturday. Thanks to members for their volunteer efforts.
 - Town Administrator Updates-DOER approval of SAPHIRE program feasibility study at elementary school, Free Cash certification \$397,519.
 - FY15 Budget - Ms. Nartowicz gave revenues update. Expense budget review-overview of possible budget reductions. Remove solar expense \$51,907. Discussion regarding override. Mark Zinan-can't support override because of Frontier budget. Mr. Fydenkevez-State funding has decreased, in part affecting town assessments. Discussion regarding Frontier assessments; budget increases; assessment formula; state funding gap. Funding discussion. Mr. Fydenkevez-Ambulance Reserve needs to be used for Regional EMS. Would be helpful if school reps. were here for budget discussion. Would like to sit again with stakeholders.
 - FY15 Capital - Overview of FY15 requests. Discussion regarding Capital Stabilization override; tax rate impact from elimination of SES long-term debt; override tax rate impact. Discussion regarding equipment cost escalation; override value. Motion to place ballot question for \$100,000 Capital Stabilization override by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles -
 - EMS (restructure FY14 funding) - Motion to include by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Swampfield Drive public way - Do not include.
 - March 24, 2014 Minutes- Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the minutes of March 24, 2014, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Route 47 (bored power lines causing road heaving). Highway Superintendent is talking with WMECO.
 - Public Comment - Mr. Zinan-Friends of Fort River Refuge looking for volunteers.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator