

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 14, 2014

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: FCAT

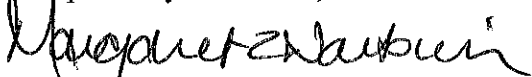
- Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Executive session MGL c.30A, § 21, ¶2 read by Chair, Mr. Bergeron. Motion to enter into Executive Session by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Roll call vote: Bergeron-yes, Pierce-yes, Fydenkevez-yes. Reconvened in open session at 6:40pm. Motion to recess until 7:00pm by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Reconvened at 7:07pm.
- Moment in History - -Mr. Fydenkevez read excerpt from 1919 Annual Town Report about the educational importance of children's nutrition.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- Joint meeting with Town of Leverett on shared Fire Services - Leverett attendees: Board of Selectmen; Town Administrator; Fire Department Study Committee-Judy Weinthaler, Chair; and Deputy Fire Chief Stuart Olson. Ms. Weinthaler gave an overview of Leverett's Fire Department study. Three of Leverett Fire Department's key staff are nearing retirement; considerations with regard to cooperative staffing, apparatus, training, etc. Mr. Fydenkevez-overview of SCEMS. Apparatus is expensive-makes sense to discuss. Discussion regarding ideas and goals. Rich Brazeau, Leverett Selectboard-problems recruiting and maintaining staff. Strong Chief in Leverett, retirements of senior staff with in year. Study committee brought forward suggestion for full-time day position. Would like to get conversation going on cooperation. Maybe share Chief or full-time staff. Chief Ahearn-full-time firefighter does inspections during day, issues burn permits. Discussion regarding emergency management, administrative work, shelter/emergency preparedness. Starting point to discussion-sharing position. Mr. Olson-important to have even a single responder for triage. Current LFD staffing level-one part-time Chief and all call force. Discussion regarding long-term sustainability. Chief Ahearn-currently 12-15 active on Sunderland roster. Next steps-look at shared full-time skill set; response times by geography. Leverett active call roster about 10 currently. Discussion regarding job description; administrative chief and operations chief; spreading out (scheduling) to provide more coverage. Chief Ahearn would be interesting in exploring shared firefighter position. Mr. Pierce-nature of calls and time of fires or incidents can't be predicted. Discussion regarding trainings. Mr. Fydenkevez-with more people, better training may be able to happen to expand capabilities. Mr. Olson-cautions that increased fire response could create burnout. Need to be careful about asking call force to do more. Leverett and Shutesbury have automatic mutual aid for certain incidents. Discussion regarding focusing on shared person to help meet coverage need. Peter d'Errico, Leverett Selectboard-need to consider both administrative needs and operations needs with shared position. Next steps-Put together working group of those directly involved to identify path forward. Goals-define what we want; commonalities; exchange ideas; identify needs. Mr. Bergeron-Sunderland to identify 2 or 3 names for working group. Leverett will do the same. Ms. Weinthaler-Leverett Chief is retiring in January. Mr. Fydenkevez-suggest Leverett write up goals and timeline. Sunderland willing to discuss all ideas on the table. Ms. Weinthaler-need to keep long-range operations/sustainability in sight. Mr. Pierce-need to understand moving forward as individual towns isn't sustainable. Mr. Fydenkevez-partnerships can work but all parties need equal say. Ms. Weinthaler-need to consider cost considerations for fire service. Mr. Fydenkevez-cannot replicate existing call service with less money. Week of April 28th-bring names forward for working group. Identify short term goals and next steps.
- Town Meeting Warrant Review-Mr. Bergeron-SESC meeting tomorrow. Article 7 (teacher contract retirements payout)-revisit next Tuesday at 7pm special Board of Selectmen meeting.
 - Article 9 (FY14 EMS funding)-Motion to recommend by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 10 (Budget)-Hold until Tuesday.

- Article 12 (Capital stabilization funding)-Mr. Bergeron-Potential burden on Free Cash for FY15. Mr. Fydenkevez-People should be aware that Capital Stabilization override is requested because it is needed. Overview of capital requests. Motion to recommend with “a sum or sums of money” by Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Article 13 (Capital Budget)-Motion to recommend with “a sum or sums of money” by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- CPA Articles
- Article 18 (FRS Tennis Courts)-Motion to recommend by Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Article 19 (Softball Field)-Motion to recommend by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Mr. Fydenkevez was dissenting CPC vote; thought that other projects could affect greater number of people. Vote 2-1.
- Article 20 (SES Playground Restoration)-Mr. Fydenkevez-CPC voted 3-3. Overview of proposed project. Discussion regarding project need, support, plan, funding, scale. Motion to recommend by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 2-1.
- Article 21 (Records Preservation)-Motion to recommend by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Article 22 (Town Office Building front entry)-Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of CPC recommendation on granite/brick construction with design work. Motion to recommend by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 1-2.
- Article 23 (Community Pathways study)-Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of proposal. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Article 24 (CPA administrative and reserves)-Hold for CPC review.
- Town Meeting Motions Review
 - Article 2 (Elected Officials Salaries)-Hold until Tuesday
 - Article 7 (Teacher contract retirements payout)-Hold until Tuesday-Discussion regarding Finance Committee recommendation to fund Stabilization then fund Article 7 from Stabilization. Discussion regarding funding obligation, SESC meeting tomorrow to discuss budget.
 - Article 10 (FY15 Budget)-Hold.
 - Article 12 (Capital Stabilization funding)-Hold. Discussion regarding need to fund Town Capital.
 - Article 13 (Capital Budget)-Hold.
- April 7, 2014 Minutes- Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the April 7, 2014 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen special meeting next Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez and 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator