

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – September 15, 2014**

### **SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz**

**Behind the Camera: Lacy and Marina, FCAT**

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- Call to order at 7:05p.m.
- Veterans' Memorial Oversight Committee (VMOC) - Discussion regarding maintenance of Memorial. Mr. Fydenkevez-Getting ready to add names. Dan VanDalsen-Names to be added in spring 2015, under Afghanistan and Iraq. One application was not approved because person did not enlist from Sunderland. Letter will be sent citing reason. Maintenance of Veterans' Memorial Park. Mr. VanDalsen-Has been maintained by volunteers and Senior Tax Work-off participants. Has gotten proposal for maintenance. Specifications include all maintenance tasks except mowing. Looking for Selectboard to approve proceeding with proposal and a number for FY16 budget process. Suggestion to add edging/mulch retainer to keep mulch from running onto sidewalk. Mr. Fydenkevez-People requesting names to be added should contact Selectmen's office. Mr. VanDalsen-Overview of criteria for getting names on wall. Next summer looking to update Veterans' Memorial book.
- Fire Department Permit Fees - Chief Ahearn-Old fees were \$25; new fees are \$50, in line with surrounding towns. Knox Box bylaw has helped with getting emergency access to buildings. Motion to set permit fees according to Chief's recommendations by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron and Chief Ahearn went to Mt. Holyoke to look at generator. Would be good to put between Highway Department and Public Safety Complex. Public Safety Complex generator is old and needing repair. Ms. Nartowicz will draft letter to Mt. Holyoke. Mr. Fydenkevez and Chief Ahearn gave an overview of South County EMS response times (8 min) and ALS capability. Deerfield sent out email re: 2<sup>nd</sup> round CIC grant.
- Conservation Commission (ConCom) Connecticut River Access - Nancy Pick-Town has completed Open Space and Recreation plan; now eligible to apply for state grants for river access. ConCom has wanted to do river access work for a long time but has been unable to. Community Pathways is also interested. Discussion regarding 50/50 match from Grant Writing/Consulting line and ConCom expense line to fund title search and survey. Mr. Fydenkevez- ConCom may want to look at feasibility of river access from area near School Street fields. Discussion regarding state funding. Ms. Nartowicz to contact Congressman McGovern's office regarding federal byway funding possibilities. Discussion regarding access for power and paddle boats. Motion to pursue request for matching funds to explore river access at existing area, and feasibility at School Street fields location, and contact Congressman McGovern's office regarding funding by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- September 8, 2014 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the September 8, 2014 minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting - Motions review and votes.
- Article 3 - Ms. Nartowicz-overview of 2 supplemental capital project requests. Mr. Bergeron-overview of Public Safety Complex air handler history and performance. Motion to recommend motion by Mr. Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Article 1 - Review of draft handout prepared by Stuart Beckley, Housing Committee member. Mr. Bergeron-appreciates Stuart's language under project description. Mr. Fydenkevez-anyone involved in town over last 10 years understands the Town's proximity to UMass. Availability of public infrastructure and services makes 40B more attractive to developers. Type of housing Town is looking to develop has been a long-time concern of Town over many years. Board of Selectmen and other committees that have looked at proposals have no hidden agenda. Mr. Fydenkevez announced Special Town Meeting, Friday at 7:00pm, Sunderland Elementary School.

- Board of Selectmen Updates - Mr. Pierce-Great Chilifest event last weekend. This type of event related to agri-tourism is precisely what Economic Development Committee would like to see. Mr. Fydenkevez-Town worked with promoter early on to bring the Chilifest to Town. Great success. Mr. Bergeron-Many of the Town's decisions over prior years, such as sewer connection to APR land, helped make this possible. Mr. Fydenkevez-important to stay up-to-date with ambulance service.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Nartowicz

Sunderland Town Administrator