

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – February 23, 2015
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 6:08pm.
- Alcohol License Hearing - Snow's, LLC dba The O's application for Change of License Type from Restaurant to General On-Premise. Hearing opened at 6:15pm. Legal ad read by Clerk, Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Fydenkevez listed all License Types. Documentation has been submitted and fees paid. Mark Snow stated no change in ownership or management. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to approve Change of Alcohol License Type from Restaurant to General On-Premise, premise as described on the Alcohol License, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Entertainment License – The O's has added a pool table. Request and fee has been submitted. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to approve addition of pool table, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- February 19, 2015 Minutes - Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve February 19, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Updates - Mr. Bergeron-120 North Main Street meeting tomorrow night to review market study RFP. Mr. Pierce-Personnel Committee meeting this Thursday.
- Interim Building Inspector Appointment - Motion by Mr. Bergeron to appoint Steve Reno as Interim Building Inspector through April 30th as recommended by Building Commissioner and Town Administrator, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Town Administrator Updates - Ms. Nartowicz gave an overview of SAPHIRE grant opportunity for renewable thermal energy system at the elementary school. Discussion regarding grant and proposed fuel source (pellets). Mr. Bergeron-Areas of concern, propane, tanks/fuel storage, long-term viability of fuel source. Mr. Fydenkevez-Suggest talking with other entities in area to get feedback. Having propane in place might make future conversion to natural gas easier-consideration needs to be given to administrative cost/burden with grants.
- Franklin County Technical School (FCTS) Budget Hearing - Russ Kaubris, FCTS Business Manager, Superintendent Jim Laverty, FCTS Sunderland rep, Jim Bernotas. Mr. Kaubris-Overview of revenue projections. Estimate increase for one additional student plus 5% budget increase. Discussion regarding OPEB, funding future health benefits for retirees. FCTS has established OPEB Trust Fund but hasn't started funding it yet. Overview of Capital projects. All projects have to go to all member towns for vote. By statute, FCTS regional agreement requires an election on a single day in all 19 towns during same time frame; all election costs to be paid by FCTS.
- Sunderland Elementary School (SES) Budget Hearing - Superintendent, Marti Barrett-proposed 2.5% increase. Trying to deal with unfunded mandates, fixed costs, etc. Need to address sustainability of school operations over the next several years. Discussion regarding increasing developmental issues with incoming Pre-K children. March 17th, SES public hearing.
- Frontier Regional School Budget Hearing - Superintendent Barrett-, Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager. Budget will increase 0% but assessment will depend on revenues. Discussion regarding possibility of magnet school with STEM program. Money is becoming available and vocational schools are beginning to go after STEM money. Discussion regarding merits and costs associated with implementing STEM. Frontier budget hearing March 10th.
- Discussion regarding long range planning committee study request for funding.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion by Mr. Pierce to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Nartowicz
Sunderland Town Administrator