

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES - March 16, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Scott Bergeron, Tom Fydenkevez, David Pierce

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

- Meeting started with a moment of silence for Carolyn Perry Herrick who gave many years of service to Sunderland and the broader community
- Community Pathways Updates, Road Safety Audit, and Master Plan Circulation & Transportation Chapter – Sara Snyder presented traffic plan; 3 key elements – safe Route 116, Connecticut River access and multi-modal transportation. She shared the Pathways mission statement. Very creative marketing and visionary. Ms. Snyder expressed next steps including Planning Board recommendations on Village Center road safety improvements. Gary Briere spoke to the synergy of these recommendations with the timing of the North Main Street project. There was discussion on relocating sidewalks toward the street; tree roots, maintenance, etc. Mr. Briere reiterated how a good start would set the tone for future projects. Mr. Pierce discussed potential pedestrian elements. Mr. Fydenkevez expressed concerns won the Rt. 116 intersection light timing, and spoke to the intersection reconstruction in 2001. Discussed the importance of engaging MassDOT. Ms. Snyder mentioned the Safe Routes to Schools program as a possible way of getting some dollars for repairs, and noted points around pedestrian traffic on Plumtree Road. Discussion regarding other potential for linking Plumtree to other roads. Linda Lopatka raised the points about pathways. Mr. Briere expressed thanks for prior project impacts on the town. Ms. Snyder noted that the Pathways group is focused on 1) South Main Street sidewalks, 2) CT River access, 3) CT River boat ramp access, 4) public awareness program, 5) scheduled public outing. Richard Lopatka expressed support from a CPA perspective. Ms. Snyder is interested in getting a public appreciation program alive.
- Motion to set 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting start time on April 24, 2015.
- Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Review and votes to include (unless otherwise specified).
 - Reports of Boards and Committees - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Unpaid bills of prior fiscal years - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - FY15 Snow & Ice deficit - Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - FY15 South County Senior Center assessment adjustment to cover budget deficit - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Elected Officials Salaries - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - FY16 Omnibus Budget - Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Fund Capital Stabilization - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Fund FY16 Capital Budget - Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Consent Articles - Motion by Mr. Pierce to include and recommend, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Authorize Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements
 - Authorize Board to accept and expend grants, donations, etc.
 - Accept and expend Chapter 90 funds
 - Authorize Board to enter into inter-municipal agreements
 - Authorize Board to enter into goods & services contracts in excess of 3 years
 - Authorize Treasurer with approval of Board to borrow in anticipation of revenue
 - Revolving Fund Authorizations
 - Wiring Inspector
 - Plumbing Inspector
 - Board of Health
 - Fall Festival Committee
 - Sunderland Public Library Community Room
 - Fire Inspector

- Citizen Petition - "Town of Sunderland Resolution in Opposition to the Northeast Expansion of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline in Massachusetts". Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Fund FY15 OPEB Trust Fund - \$5,300 transfer from FY15 FRCOG budget line. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to include and recommend, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Community Preservation Committee FY16 Appropriations and Reserves – Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Chapter Acceptance MGL c.40, §13D – To establish reserve fund for future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences. Motion by Mr. Pierce to include and recommend, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Capital Improvements Planning Committee Bylaw - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Personnel Bylaw Amendments - Motion Mr. Bergeron, 2nd Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Fund Town Server Replacement - Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Mr. Fydenkevez spoke to recent developments with the Frontier Regional School Committee's budget vote and expressed concern about impacts on the town which continues to struggle with the pressures of revenue limitations. The Board discussed the EQV formulation and its continued erosion, labor pressures and revenues; noted that public service is largely labor driven, and that's where we need to look.
- Energy Efficiency Canvassing Program Coordinator Job Description – Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve for temporary project based work (73 hours total), 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Board Updates – Mr. Fydenkevez - Sunderland Senior dinner will be held on April 28th at 12 noon. Sunderland Elementary School budget hearing tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. Sunderland Recreation Basketball Tournament was a great success. Mr. Pierce – the pancake breakfast was well attended.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion by Mr. Pierce to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scott A. Bergeron
Clerk, Board of Selectmen