

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – March 30, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Scott Bergeron, Tom Fydenkevez, David Pierce

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

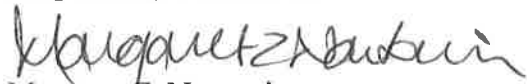
- Call to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen Updates – Mr. Bergeron-120 North Main Street Committee met tonight to review market study proposal submitted by LDS Consulting Group. Committee evaluated the proposal and agreed that the proposal met the technical criteria. Sealed cost proposal was then opened and was within budgeted CDBG funding. Voted to recommend approval by the Sunderland Board of Selectmen and to recommend moving the proposal forward to the Bernardston Board of Selectmen for contract execution. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to accept 120 North Main Street Committee recommendation and to forward the proposal to the Bernardston Board of Selectmen for contract execution, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez-sensed some hesitation from some on Thursday night regarding working with UMass on the long range planning study. Mr. Fydenkevez-Good turnout at the Senior meal on Saturday hosted by the Mens' and Womens' Clubs. Thanks to the Congregational Church for use of the facilities.
- Town Administrator Updates – Western Mass Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement will be distributed to the Board for review. Chief Gilbert will attend a Board meeting in the near future to discuss. Frontier Regional School Committee meeting this Thursday to discuss contributing funds for the long range planning study. Mr. Bergeron noted two town meeting strategy issues related to Frontier: 1) paying for long range planning study, and 2) Frontier FY16 budget. Discussion regarding Frontier's contribution to study, and outcome of study. Mr. Bergeron suggested letter endorsing municipal funding for study, and urging Frontier Regional School Committee to revisit budget prior to town meeting. Discussion regarding funding the study. Ms. Nartowicz will draft letter to School Committee noting that the Sunderland Board supports Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of the March 26th joint meeting with the Frontier Regional School Committee.
- March 23, 2015 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- March 26, 2015 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
- Superintendent's recommended budget. Mr. Fydenkevez-suggest presenting assessment associated with School Committee's voted budget, and recommending the lower assessment associated with the Superintendent's recommended budget. Discussion regarding use of E&D to cover difference between budget numbers, while cautioning against over-reliance on E&D. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to support Superintendent's original recommended budget, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to support requirement to use E&D as opposed to assessments if the Frontier Regional School Committee requires the increased budget, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Capital Review – Discussion regarding lease terms for base Wacker machine, and with attachments, to replace holder tractor. Lease-to-own may be legitimate option to work within Capital Stabilization funding. Ms. Nartowicz to analyze 3 and 5 year costs from Capital Stabilization. Review of request for Police Department cruiser replacement, mileage and maintenance logs. Discussion regarding bundling large equipment purchase in a borrowing authorization in coming years. Board requested Chief's recommendation on cruiser model.
- Discussion regarding North Main Street Reconstruction Project engineering. Ms. Nartowicz-working to get RFP out in preparation for TIP meeting in mid-April.
- Revenues update provided by Ms. Nartowicz.
- Town Meeting Warrant Review -
 - South County Senior Center FY15 budget shortfall – Shortfall due to underestimated benefit costs. Motion by Mr. Pierce to recommend, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Tricentennial Celebration Funding – Motion to include article by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Stabilization Funding – Motion to include article by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.

- Comcast License Agreement negotiation extension – Motion by Mr. Pierce to execute extension authorization to May 15, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0. Discussion regarding cable service.
- 23 Bridge Street Sewer Abatement – Motion by Mr. Bergeron to correct FY14 abatement amount to \$284.66, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- FY15 Snow & Ice Deficit Spending Authorization – Motion by Mr. Pierce to authorize an additional \$9,000 to be deficit spent from Snow & Ice Wages, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron, Vote 3-0. Total Snow & Ice Wages deficit spending authorization is \$14,000. Total Snow & Ice Expense deficit spending authorization is \$30,000.
- Capital Stabilization Annual Authorization - Motion by Mr. Bergeron to raise an additional \$102,500 in FY16 tax levy for Capital Stabilization, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Ms. Nartowicz will send record of vote to DOR.
- Mr. Fydenkevez noted upcoming meetings. Commended ZBA on the job they're doing on the Sugarbush matter. Last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting & Town Election is Sat., April 4th.

Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion by Mr. Bergeron to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator