

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – March 9, 2015
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

Others: Ms. Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

Call to order: 7:20 p.m.

- Town Caucus – Mr. Fydenkevez noted that the Town Caucus was held this evening. School Committee members are needed.
- North Star Self-Directed Learning Center – Executive Director Ken Danford gave an introduction including the Center’s origin, history, purpose and mission. Discussion regarding what a typical day might look like for participating teens, and pedestrian safety issues. Mr. Danford contacted MassDOT regarding request for crosswalk. Mr. Fydenkevez-Police Chief would be a strong advocate on pedestrian safety. Discussion regarding prior pedestrian incidents on Route 116 and safety concerns. Mr. Danford noted the Center has worked on community service projects and would be open to discussing opportunities to partner with the community. Mr. Fydenkevez stated Chief Gilbert will work with Mr. Danford on safety issues including signage, crossing and signals. Mr. Danford said MassDOT safety/traffic engineers will review the site well before the program starts right after Labor Day. Town will weigh in on concerns and needs. Aaron Falbel expressed support for the program; feels program will offer civic partnerships that will benefit the Town.
- Full-time Police Officer Appointment – Chief Gilbert stated that he conducted thorough pre-employment screening, background check and interviews. Recommends that the Board of Selectmen appoint John Brodeur as a full-time officer. He will go through the field training program with Sergeant Lyons. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to appoint John Brodeur as full-time police officer at a Step 1 according to the contract wage scale and the Board’s appointment cycle, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- March 2, 2015 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- March 4, 2015 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of March 4, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Updates – Mr. Bergeron gave an update on the 120 North Main Street Planning Committee. Project review with Berkshire Design and Housing Market Study RFP review March 12th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bergeron noted that the Board met with the Deerfield Board of Selectmen last Thursday about collaborative opportunities, particularly HUD resiliency grants Deerfield is looking at to reinforce the Town’s wastewater facilities. Deerfield would like Sunderland’s participation to qualify for the grants, as Sunderland has income-qualified population required to be eligible. Very exploratory, very topical discussion. Mr. Fydenkevez-Sunderland’s WWTP operator is investigating opportunities to build capacity. Mr. Pierce-towns need to look at working together. Collaboration is needed for community sustainability. Getting ready for solar project. Mr. Fydenkevez-thanks to Sunderland Fire Department for responding to Deerfield industrial building fire Friday night with many other area fire services. We depend on one another in a regional sense. Don’t know if anything will come out of wastewater discussions with Deerfield, but the Sunderland Board will consider all options in the best interest of the Town of Sunderland.
- Town Administrator Updates – Solar project notice is being posted in Central Register and the newspaper on Wednesday, March 11th. Will be posted in newspaper again on March 18th. Mandatory pre-bid conference will be held Thursday, March 19th at 1pm. Job description has been drafted for Green Communities-funded Energy Efficiency Project Coordinator for the Energy Smart Homes project. Attended MMA Legislative Breakfast meeting Friday morning. Bills filed by Representative Kulik include requiring the state to fund Veterans’ benefits and requiring certain tax-exempt organizations to make PILOT payments to the municipalities they are based in. Education foundation budget is undergoing review through Foundation Review Commission. Report will be released this year.
- Town Meeting Warrant Review – Board to review and vote to include routine articles at next Monday’s meeting.
- Public Weigher Appointments – Lists from Delta, All States and Warner Bros read by Clerk, Mr. Bergeron. Motion by Mr. Bergeron to appoint slate as presented, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

- Sewer Abatement Request – Motion by Mr. Bergeron to approve FY14 \$304.60 sewer abatement for 23 Bridge Street, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Ms. Nartowicz noted that additional abatement requests for 23 Bridge Street will be brought forward for disposition by the Board in the next few weeks.
- ATM Warrant – Ms. Nartowicz to prepare articles, routine articles first, for the Board to vote to include beginning next Monday. After being voted on, articles will be moved aside until all articles are voted on.
- Capital Improvement Planning Committee bylaw has been drafted. Board to discuss draft on March 23rd.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion by Mr. Bergeron to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator