

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – June 1, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Absent:

Others:

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 7:00p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- Veterans Memorial Oversight Committee-Mr. VanDalsen-\$1,300., for 6 names to be added to the wall by Veterans Day, work to be done by Athol Granite Works. There are only 5 names that need to be added, Kyle Jacobs, Nathan Ellsworth, Richard Ellsworth, Nicholas Mulvaney, and Christopher Parsons. Two names are officers that do not get DD214, which the policy states must be given to be eligible. Officers do not get anything until their career is over. Both are serving honorably. Mr. Fydenkevez-There is precedent on wall, so would agree that the two officers should have their name on the wall. **Motion to expend up to \$1,300. for up to six names as recommended by the Veterans' Committee, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** Mr. VanDalsen-same company as before, did a good job. Mr. Fydenkevez-Asked if the 5 unknown soldiers that had recently been identified by the Historical Commission were on the wall. Linda Lopatka will verify if those names were on the wall. Janet Conley asked that Ms. Lopatka send names to her and she would check the wall. Mr. Van Dalsen-Will give proposal to Cindy for payment. Mr. VanDalsen-We need to update the book. Mr. Bergeron-Should the policy be modified, being that there are subjective additions. Mr. VanDalsen-There should be a policy modification to address those officers serving that do not get DD214. Especially if they are getting promoted. Veterans Committee will come back with an amendment. Mr. Fydenkevez-asked if the committee could come up with a quote to complete a general maintenance, weeding, mulch, etc. This would need to be done quickly. Ms. Conley will contact the company that previously gave a bid. Mr. VanDalsen-Would like to have flags left at the memorial addressed. Mr. Bergeron-Would like the committee to make an amendment to the policy to address this and bring back to the Board.
- Pathway Committee-Mr. Bergeron-Prior meeting about resolution to land ownership, by the river to get a clean title. Rock Warner-Ahearn property is under contract. If the Selectmen decide they would like to have the swap go forward, cost estimates for land surveyor and legal should happen. Would like to go to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Mr. Warner-the Pathway Committee would be willing to do the work to see it go forward, including the triangle piece. The triangle piece is more involved. This would give the town the proper ownership and not commit to the pathway project. If the land is in order then the process can happen. Nancy Pick-We could be successful at getting a park grant, which would include design and permitting. Ms. Pick-Thinks that getting a grant is favorable. Mr. Warner-1. Looking to see if this is something the Board wants the Pathway Committee to pursue, if so 2. permission to talk to the new owners or current owner, 3. to get quotes, and 4. approach the CPC for a little money to cover these costs. If so let the attorney know they would be calling to get a firm quote. **Motion to support the four point plan submitted by the pathway committee, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** Mr. Fydenkevez-forward an email to Selectmen's office for legal information needed so it may be forwarded to legal counsel. Mr. Bergeron-send emails on how the process is unfolding. Mr. Warner will still be in contact with Randy Iszer, surveyor.
- May 26, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve May 26, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- May 28, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve May 28, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. (Mr. Pierce was absent)
- Board of Selectmen Updates-Mr. Pierce-Solar-two vendor interviews. Working on evaluations sheets to hand in to consultant. Focused on getting done by the end-of-year. Good interviews. Mr. Fydenkevez-Thanks to all that came to Ms. Nartowicz's reception. Great evening. Ms. Nartowicz will be missed. Mr. Bergeron-120 North Main Street working group meeting last Thursday. BDG will brought information on density. Market study feedback. Designs looked exciting and creative.
- Interim Town Administrator Update-Met with another applicant, Doug Finn. Clear on duration and screening committee is set to meet with the Board on June 15th. Mr. Fydenkevez-would recommend the

chair have a discussion with Mr. Finn. We're looking for someone that's going to be here, keep some of the projects going, and be a resource for the committee and boards, and the residents. Mr. Bergeron-the need for someone, not just a placeholder, but someone to participate and potentially grow inside that position. Mr. Bergeron-The continuity of governance, is our charge. **Motion to have the chair enter into discussion with Doug Finn by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** If the chair is able to strike an agreement, meet as soon as possible.

- Board Organization with Departments:
 - General Administration and Financial-Mr. Bergeron
 - Public Safety, Highway-Mr. Fydenkevez
 - Projects, Committee and Boards-Mr. PierceMr. Bergeron-will work with Cindy to formulate an email to committee, boards, and department heads. Important for residents to know with a vacancy that we plan on doing our best to fill that void.
- North Main Street Reconstruction- One proposal came in for the North Main Street reconstruction. Tighe and Bond's bid was over the appropriation. Because there was only one bidder the Board could enter into detail negotiations with Tighe and Bond to get down to the appropriation or reject the bid and go out under MGL C.30. Mr. Bergeron will call Tighe and Bond to see if they can meet the proposal.
- Interim Town Administrator Screening Committee-Mr. Fydenkevez will have the fifth name to bring forward soon. Mr. Bergeron-Will reach out to that group in writing with charge and portfolio of applicants for the next meeting.
- Appropriation Transfer- Transfer from Short Term Interest account to Collector/Treasurers Expense for \$1,000. **Motion to approve by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.**
- Resignation-**Motion to accept the resignation part-time police officer Peter Granitsas by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- FY16 Annual Appointments-Employee Appointments (see attachment) **Motion to approve slate as presented by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.** Mr. Bergeron-Many committee vacancies would like to have list posted on FCAT and get on the website and Ch. 15.
- Establishment of Sunderland Tree Gift Fund ó Mr. Pierce read a letter from Sally Fuller with donation for a tree to be planted with a plaque in memory Carol Resaka. Need to have a definition for the fund. **Motion to create a Sunderland Tree Gift Fund by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Motion to accept donation by Ms. Fuller to the Sunderland Tree Gift Fund by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.**
- Next scheduled meeting, Monday June 15th.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Pierce
Sunderland Selectman, Clerk