

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – June 15, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Absent:

Others:

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 7:10p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- June 1, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve June 1, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Updates-Mr. Fydenkevez-CPC update-One year review, there is approximately \$420,000 that has not been spent. Looking at the long term view for projects such as ditch maintenance, Plumtree Road sidewalks, the pathways, boat ramp, 1923 REO, for example. Talked about the importance of people in town to champion projects. Mr. Fydenkevez-With all the high school and college graduations, would like to give sincere appreciation to faculty and staff that got graduates to that point, and parents, guardians, grandparents that helped, also to the graduates. South County EMS (SCEMS) met with Deerfield Selectmen and Finance Committee good information exchanged. Would like to reiterate that everything is open and the SCEMS encourages everyone to participate. One of our past Accountants, Janet Swem and George Emery's dad passed away. A moment of silence was observed and thoughts to go out to the families. Mr. Bergeron-North Main Street Construction-After discussions with Tighe and Bond, they were the sole bidder. Questions about meeting their appropriation or price really comes down to the town's willingness to lessen the scope of the actual RFP and fitting the project to meet the appropriation is something that this board is not comfortable doing. There are a couple of opportunities: 1. Build increase for engineering into the proposal 2. Remove elements of the scope from RFP. There is just over \$37,000., difference. There is a bidder that missed the deadline. Reject bid and go over RFQ process again or through designer function MGL C.30, 39M. Mr. Bergeron will contact Tighe and Bond tomorrow to let them know the board will reject all of the proposals and going under MGL C. 30, 39M, Designer Clause and see if they can meet in that category. **Motion to reject all bids for the North Main Street engineering proposal by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** 120 North Main Street-Will meet with the Conservation Commission tomorrow, their determination will affect the design. The market study came in with a hypothetical number of units. Next meeting, Thursday. High marks for Berkshire Design. The opportunity is there to do something with the property.
- Solar Recommendations-Mr. Pierce-On behalf of the committee they have narrowed down and picked a vendor. Bids were very close. One year projected net saving for a year at the elementary school is \$16, 348. , at the Public Safety Complex is \$8, 013. Over the 20 year term of the contract it would be \$161, 163. at the elementary school and \$76,781 at the Public Safety Complex. The committee is recommending Kersarge Energy. Committee liked their timeline and working relationship with Western Mass. Electric. Lease will be for 20 years. No obligation to purchase from them at the end of contract. They will restore area if the town chooses not to renew contract after 20 years. **Motion to enter in construction and lease agreement as well as PPL with Kersarge Energy by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote3-0.**
- Town Administrator Screening Committee-Charge and Timeline-Mr. Bergeron-gave an overview. Mr. Fydenkevez-Resumes should go to members tomorrow. We should appoint committee. 2 weeks to review resumes. First week in July committee should meet. Interview and give recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, the last week in July or beginning of August. The charge is to send forth the best candidates that the committee thinks can do the job. Then an open process with the Board of Selectmen. **Motion to appoint Russ Cranshaw, Natalie Blais, Wendy Houle, Mike Wissemann, and Aleks Kajstura to the Town Administrator Search Committee by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- Interim Town Administrator-Mr. Bergeron met with Douglas Finn. Discussion regarding training time for an interim. The Board or Cindy would need less training time. Does it make sense for to Board to pull back and reconsider actually having an interim? Responsibilities have been parceled out. Staff will do minutes, too much to ask Cindy to do minutes. Town needs to understand limited personnel and hours, board has divided task and has committed through the summer to make this work. If the right fit hasn't been found,

then maybe looking into an interim town administrator might be necessary. Mr. Bergeron-Will reach out to Mr. Finn to let him know we are forgoing the interim position.

- Procurement Officer Appointment-**Motion to appoint Mr. Fydenkevez as Procurement Officer by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.**
- FY16 Appointments-Please see attached sheet-**Motion by Mr. Pierce to appoint slate, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.**
- Recreation Committee Appointments-**Motion to appoint Rafael and Maria Santos to the Recreation Committee by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.**
- Appropriation Transfers-**Motion to transfer \$1,200. From the Election/Registrar Wages to the Veterans Memorial Ground Expense and the second request to transfer \$520. From Highway Department Expense to Seasonal Wages by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- Telecommunication Committee-Rebranding of the Telecommunications Committee. Discussion at the June 29th meeting. Consider disbanding? Maybe have an advisory group? Mr. Pierce-Consider having a technology advisory group. Small town are struggling with technology. Letter will be written to members of the Telecommunications Committee for their input, to be discussed at the June 29th meeting.
- Tercentennial Committee charge for next meeting.
- School Committee Vacancy-Joint meeting to be called for the next meeting. Selectmen's office will coordinate.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Pierce
Sunderland Selectman, Clerk