

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – July 13, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Mr. Bergeron, and Mr. Pierce

Absent: Mr. Fydenkevez

Others:

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 7:12p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- 120 North Main Street-Lorin Starr gave an overview of the history of the committee and progress made. The committee is trying to gather information to see if this is a viable project for a developer to use. This would be considered a friendly 40B. Census of the committee is not to disturb the historic pattern of North Main Street, character of town. Would like to have the project look like it belongs. The obvious access is North Main Street, wetlands was an issue for Sycamore Meadows, and Blue Heron and Warner Bros. was complicated. The challenge of the North Main Street is to not disturb the character of the street and be considerate to the neighbors. Access would probably be on the north side of the house, not where the driveway is now. There needs to be enough units to make it viable, but not enough to overburden the property. Two barn like structures linked together with a common area. The property is small and narrow. Committee meets on Thursday and will have 3 different funding scenarios. A downside to this process was the lack of public input, Ms. Starr recommends public forums late summer or early fall. The lack of public input was not to exclude, but to gather the information needed. Discussion regarding the role of Selectmen and committee after the project is turned over to the developer and whether participation will help or hinder the developer. Units will be 1 or 2 small bedrooms. Consensus of the committee is to keep the house. Ms. Starr thanked the work of the committee. Residents should contact Ms. Starr if they have questions. Sunderland has a need for senior housing. Mr. Bergeron-need feasibility and volume to make it marketable. Mr. Pierce-streetscape will not change. Mr. Bergeron-thanked Ms. Starr and committee for the hard work and commitment to this project.
- June 29, 2015 Minutes-Hold off on approval of minutes until the next meeting.
- Town Administrator Screening Committee-Committee will be conducting preliminary interviews on the 15th and 16th. With the Board's consent, Mr. Bergeron will facilitate the process after the committee has sent their recommendation.
- North Main Street Reconstruction-Mr. Bergeron gave an update. In receipt from the FRCOG said the Board's rejecting all bids under the RFP process for the engineer work, the TIP application was an appropriate step. If the Board chooses Designer Selection method, the designer has to be prequalified with Mass DOT in that type of work. There are no areas of the application that is currently in jeopardy. Should be able to move forward for the July 27th meeting.
- FCAT Selectmen Appointment-Mr. Pierce read Tom Zimnowski's letter of interest to be appointed to the Board of directors for FCAT. . Mr. Pierce made a motion to appoint Mr. Zimnowski to FCAT as the Selectmen's appointment, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.
- Alternate Building Inspector-Motion to appoint Tom Quinlan as an Alternate Building Inspector, while the Alternate Building Inspector, Steve Reno, is on vacation, at a rate of \$25.00 an hour, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.
- Financial Audit-Approval by signature. Mr. Bergeron-Audit is a public record and available for residents to read.
- Appropriation Transfer-Motion by Mr. Pierce to approve a transfer from line items Highway Overtime for \$107.64 and Fire Department Expense for \$860.69 for a total of 968.33to Highway Laborer Wages, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.
- FCAT-Joyce Palmer-Fortune and Chris Collins requested the Board approve interim budget. Motion by Mr. Pierce, to approve interim budget that was presented by FCAT, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Mr. Collins is looking to do more outreach and new shows. Mr. Collins is looking for ideas or comments to email him at chris@fcata.tv.

- Payroll-Mr. Bergeron-Conversations with Susan Warriner, Treasurer/Collector determines that there should be a uniform format for payroll. A letter to department heads, by the next meeting, reminding them of their obligation to present accurate information or to staff that simply fill out their own time work. Tidying up policies and procedure to ensure good data. Personnel Committee should included
- Tricentennial Committee and Charge-Board discussed number of members, looking for 5 volunteers. The deliverables and timeline will develop over the next 2 meetings. Look at the 250th and add from there. Festivity type, input from residents will post on website and FCAT. Looking for 5 really ambitious folks to spearhead the celebrations.
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments Contract-Annual agreement regarding FY16 Accounting contract by signature.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,