

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN (BOS) MINUTES – August 10, 2015
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

Absent:

Others:

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 7:12p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- Russell Lane Appointment-Mr. Lane cancelled his appointment with the BOS regarding the Assessors.
- School Committee Vacancy-Michelle Tomlinson came before the BOS to express her interest in filling the vacant position on the school committee. **Mr. Fydenkevez made a motion to appoint Michelle Tomlinson to fill the vacancy on the school committee until the next annual election, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- July 27, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve July 27, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. **Vote 3-0.**
- July 28, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the July 28, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. **Vote 3-0.**
- July 29, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Pierce to accept the July 29, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Town Administrator Search Deliberations- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the process thus far to hire a new administrator. Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of the town administrator position and the quality of the candidates that interviewed. Thankful to the committee for their efforts. Mr. Pierce had a lot of internal debate over the three candidates and was thankful for having enough time to come to a decision. Mr. Bergeron for discussion moved Sherry Patch forward to maintain the continuity of governance. Process moving forward will have Town Counsel do a background check, negotiate salary and terms, etc. Mr. Bergeron will do initial negotiations. **Motion by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez to offer Sherry Patch the position as Town Administrator. Vote 3-0.**
- Board of Selectmen Updates-**120 North Main Street**-Mr. Bergeron- Market Study is completed and approved minutes. The next step is public input in September. Mr. Fydenkevez-Lorin Starr and the committee has done a remarkable job. **North Main Reconstruction**-Mr. Bergeron reached out to CHA and they were thrilled to be the designer and anxious to get started. Designer well versed in this area. **Housing Committee**-Met with FRCOG about Housing Production Plan update. Housing Plan is in year seven. No significant change in need or the status of the town. Timeline is to have feedback back to the FRCOG by late September, meet with Planning Board in November, the goal is to have submission to DHCD in December.
- 300th Anniversary Charge-Mr. Pierce will contact office to get charge from 250th.
- South County EMS (SCEMS)-Mr. Fydenkevez-The Town of Whately has voted to purchase Western Mass Regional Library and SCEMS is interested in locating there. This location is a central location. Discussion with the Town of Whately regarding the details are happening. South Deerfield Fire District is asking for more rent, there will be a meeting to discuss this.
- Temporary Alcohol License-Chilifest at Mike's Maze. Correspondence from Fire Chief and Police Chief are positive. Second year at this location. September 12 and 13 from noon to five. Insurance certificate has been submitted. **Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce to grant a two day on premise temporary license. Vote 3-0.**
- Electrical and Alternate Wiring Inspector-Discussion regarding the process and procedure. **Out of respect for Jim Tower, Mr. Fydenkevez made a motion to appoint Peter Murphy, Interim Wiring Inspector for the remainder of the term, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** Alternate Wiring Inspector will be posted in internally.
- Alternate Building Commissioner-Letter read by Clerk, Mr. Pierce, from Building Commissioner requesting an extension to the appointment of Interim Building Commissioner, Steven Reno from August 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015, while he recuperates from surgery. **Motion was made by Mr. Pierce to extend Steven**

Reno's extension as requested by the Building Commissioner from 8/1/2015-10/1/2015, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez would like the Personnel committee to review "light duty".

- Solar Project-Mr. Pierce-letter to encourage WMECO to expedite the interconnect as quickly as possible. There will be a meeting tomorrow with the Planning Board regarding the special permit and site plan review for both locations (elementary school and public safety building). **Motion made by Mr. Pierce to write a letter encouraging WMECO to expedite process, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.** Mr. Pierce will write letter for the Board's signatures.
- BAN Energy Rollover Note-Treasurer is requesting to borrow \$171,600. From Greenfield Cooperative Bank, 1 year loan, .52%. Previous loan was \$286,000, payed down \$114,000. Balance will be approximately \$84,000. **Motion made by Mr. Fydenkevez to borrow \$171,000 from Greenfield Cooperative for 1 year, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- Personnel Committee Letter of Resignation-Clerk, Mr. Pierce, read letter of resignation from Russ Cranshaw. BOS expressed heartfelt thanks to Mr. Cranshaw for his many hours and years that he invested to the Town of Sunderland. **Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce, to accept with regret the resignation of Russ Cranshaw. Vote 3-0.**
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez and 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Pierce", written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".