

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (BOS) MINUTES – September 14, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Absent:

Others:

Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita, FCAT

- Call to order at 7:04p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda.
- New Library Director-Beth Berry introduced new Library Director, Katherine Hand. The Board welcomed Ms. Hand. Ms. Hand-Very excited to work at the Sunderland Public Library. Planning events for upcoming year such as ghost hunters, tie dying, and story hour is starting on Fridays. Excited to get adult programs going. Ms. Berry-Thanked the search committee
- Part Time Police Officer Appointments-Sargent Lyons explained hiring process. Candidates were recommended by Chief Gilbert. Board welcomed new officers and encouraged them to get to know the community. **Mr. Fydenkevez made a motion to appoint Jordan Zukowski, Thomas Huddock, and Brandon Blair as part time police officers for the remainder of the appointment cycle, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.**
- August 24, 2015 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve August 24, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- 120 North Main Street-Mr. Bergeron-Mowing contractor will add 120 North Main Street for \$35.00., on the existing mowing contract. Mr. Bergeron thanked Cindy Bennett and lawn mowing contractor. Maintain temperature above freezing for the house. Mr. Bergeron-Will look into funding. Lorin Starr-Committee met to discuss forum for 120 North Main Street on October 7th. Committee is still engaged and willing to continue working on the project.
- 300th Anniversary Update-Tom Zimnowski-Tom met with Cindy Benjamin and Janet Conley to get publicity out for a public forum to get ideas and participation from residents. Would like to send letters out to organizations, press releases, etc. to get full participation. Forum will be October 20th at the library from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Mr. Zimnowski asked about boundaries for this group. No money will be expended.
- North Main Street Reconstruction-Mr. Bergeron-Signed agreement with CHA, they have begun surveying and doing all the above ground lay out. Town signed a contract for about \$94,000 to do the initial engineering for the TIP, this will allow us to apply for a MassDOT grant for approximately 2 1/2 million dollars. Engineers will be looking at the North Main Street area encompassing above ground surveys and underground infrastructure network, then the engineering will come back. The size of the area includes North Main Street from the lights to almost Claybrook Road. This is only the engineering phase and only to participate in the TIP. Mr. Fydenkevez-State could possibly change the configuration of the intersection.
- Solar-Mr. Pierce-still waiting to be hooked up.
- South County EMS-Mr. Fydenkevez-Looking at costs for Western Mass. Regional Library. Looking at the best location for the EMS. Discussions regarding owning or leasing a building. Mr. Fydenkevez-discussion needs to focus on what is better for our towns and its residents.
- Public Safety Complex Improvements-BOS will review options. Mr. Fydenkevez suggest a telephone call to Bob Lesko regarding pellet boilers and their status on this this subject at the elementary school.
- Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Landfill MOU-Mr. Bergeron-State is requiring annual land fill testing also be done by a third party. **Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez t enter into a MOU with Franklin County Solid Waste Management to be the third party tester for \$250.00 annually, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.** Thank you Jan Ameen and company for handling the new requirements.
- Economic Development Business Guide-BOS will review for next meeting. Thank you to Rock Warner and committee for taking the collective discussion and putting into a format on how to use it.
- Senior Center Director Search-Mr. Fydenkevez-Board of Oversight (BOO) has interviewed three candidates. Mr. Fydenkevez-fortunate to have three qualified candidates. Thank you to Mr. Pierce for participating on the screening committee. BOO are hearing feedback from seniors. BOO will decide at their next meeting.