

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Sunderland Town Office Building
February 29, 2016
MINUTES

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Patch, Town Administrator
Guests: Finance Committee member: Bruce Bennett; Eversource Representative
Behind the Camera: FCAT: Lacey Arnold

Call to Order at 6:36PM

The Chair reminded residents of State Primary Tuesday, March 1st. Voting will be at the Elementary School from 7:00AM-8:00PM.

Appointments

- Pole Hearing: Mr. Pierce read the public notice published. Install two (2) new poles labeled 36/52 and 36/51, beginning approximately 175 ft. southerly from existing pole 36/53 to provide electrical service to new building on Silver Lane. Mr. Pierce read public notice posted in the Recorder newspaper. Highway Superintendent supports the installation; they will not be crossing the roadway. Mr. Fydenkevez will be supporting the pole installation project for a Sunderland resident, he wanted to express his displeasure with Eversource's practice with handling the Town's solar array project. The representative from Eversource noted while he was not involved with Solar connections, he would pass on the Town's sentiment to the appropriate authorities handling Solar projects. Mr. Pierce Motion to accept new pole placements as requested, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.
- Selectmen/Administration Budget presentation. Teresa Foster presented the Assessor's budget. Discussion related to computer support line notes on previous budgets that the town would support \$300 from the Technology line for GIS related support. Ms. Foster would like to have that increase in the Assessor Expense line so she could participate in additional professional development opportunities. The Board supported a class for FY16 and expenses which would be paid from the Board's Professional Development line with invoice submission. Reviewed costs associated with adding more GIS layers; no cost if information is provided during annual update. Minimal Assessor budget increase which is \$687 for mapping updates per contract. Zoning, Water lines and sewer layers are already on the GIS. Complete property cards are now available online. Ms. Patch reported on the remainder Selectmen/Administration budgets. Slight increase overall for the Town Administration. The Building Inspector is requesting a one-time additional increase of \$700 for the 8th edition code books which his office needs updating.
- Discussion regarding opening the Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Patch was instructed to open the Town Meeting Warrant and notify departments and residents. Warrant must close no earlier than six (6) weeks prior to Annual Town Meeting.

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- Motion Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce, Second, to accept Minutes of February 8, 2016, Vote 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Pierce reported on the presentation held by Rep. Kulik on Saturday at the Library "The Future of Renewable Energy in Massachusetts" which was co-sponsored by Sunderland's Energy Committee. Mr. Kulik did a good job addressing the path of the state and in addressing questions from the audience and it was very well attended. Mr. Pierce did have an opportunity to speak with Mr. Kulik personally regarding Sunderland's struggles with Eversource relating to the Town's solar array project.
- Mr. Fydenkevez noted the South County Senior Center Board of Oversight met last week regarding the budget, outreach opportunities and it was noted that attendance has been steady. The new Director will be meeting with the Board to present the SCSC budget on March 14th.
- Mr. Fydenkevez briefly noted the SCEMS budget which will be presented on March 7th.

Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch announces Municipal and Riverside Lawn Mowing Bids have been received and bid recommendation will be on the Board's next agenda.
- The Town's Community Compact Application was approved. The Lt. Governor will be visiting for a signing ceremony which is expected to be in late April/early May. The FRCOG will be the project manager.
- The Technology grant was submitted for the town offices related to VOI phone system and technology wiring upgrades.

Old Business

- The Board has the Draft OIC agreement before them and that discussion is ongoing.

New Business

- Received Notice from DCR regarding Map 1 Lot 42 land abutting Mt. Toby, requesting waiver of 120-day notice to 60-day notice. Property was previously sold to Franklin Land Trust and this would make the area contiguous. Mr. Fydenkevez noted he hoped DCR would provide signage and make property more available to the public to enjoy. Town Administrator to request Master Plan for the property from DCR. Reduction in the notice requirement will still allow for the Town's Conservation Commission's comments as well as public comment. Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to grant waiver notification request to 60-days, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.

Other Business and Announcements

- Town Caucus is March 7th at 6:30PM in Town Offices.
- Next Board of Selectmen's meeting: March 7, 2016, 7:00PM (special time)
- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to adjourn, Mr. Pierce 2nd, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch