

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Sunderland Town Office Building

March 7, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Patch, Town Administrator

Guests: Finance Committee member: Bruce Bennett; SCEMS: Zachary Smith, Director and Robert Ahearn

Behind the Camera: FCAT: Marina Korpita

Call to Order at 7:08PM

The Chair announced that they were coming from Town Caucus. There are two vacancies and if anyone is interested in serving, please see the Town Clerk for details.

Appointments

- **SCEMS Budget presentation** was made by Zachary Smith, Director. The FY17 would basically be level funded. There are some increases or changes in the budget such as Deerfield rent being doubled and a large increase in administrative costs but those increases are being absorbed by fees received for services and allotment of seed money or grants for start-up costs that were not used from last fiscal year, so there would be no over-all increase to the budget. They believe now that the program has been operational for 18+ months, there is a more efficient use of funds and they would also be adding a full-time paramedic to the day shift, which is when the majority of calls come in.

Minutes

- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion, Mr. Pierce Second, to accept **Minutes of February 29, 2016**, Vote 3-0. It was also noted that Eversource has reached out to the Town to have further discussion related to the status of the town's solar array project mentioned at the meeting.

Selectmen Updates

- The Board was asked by the Town Administrator to re-review the **Police Chief Search Committee (PCSC) Charge** which has been expanded. There was further discussion regarding number of names the committee should put forward to the Board for consideration. Mr. Fydenkevez felt a number limit should not be put on the committee and the charge should be changed to "list of qualified unranked candidates." Motion Mr. Pierce to accept updated Charge with changes, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.
- Some **PCSC** members have asked Mr. Fydenkevez about the salary. It was noted what the current appropriation was and if there should be a salary "range" listed in the charge. The Charge is to list facts related to the position and the committee would not be discussing salary. The board recognized that some candidates may ask the committee salary related questions. The salary range should be listed as \$63,000-\$65,000. Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to adopt salary range information in Charge, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.
- **300th Anniversary Committee Charge** was adopted by Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Discussion related to appointing the **300th Anniversary Committee**. The Board reviewed the list of individuals whom expressed interest in serving on the committee and the list interested in serving on a sub-committee. 15 individuals would like to serve on the Anniversary Committee. Mr. Fydenkevez volunteered to be the Selectmen's rep. Mr. Pierce read the names of the 15 members to be appointed to committee. Mr. Pierce Motion to appointment members and Mr. Fydenkevez as rep, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.

Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch presented the Board with the Committee Handbook again requesting the board adopt its use as should be like to implement its use for the upcoming kick-off meetings for the PCSC and 300th Anniversary Committee. The Board voted to adopt the Committee Handbook.
- There will be a Complete Streets planning meeting on March 21st with Community Pathways Committee and the Planning Board.

Old Business

- The Board reviewed comments received from the Conservation Commission in support of Map 1, Lot 42 former Gunn property which is part of the DCR land where the town was asked to wave the timeline from 120-days to 60 days which was supported by the Board at the February 29th meeting.

Other Business and Announcements

- Next Board of Selectmen's meeting: March 14, 2016, 6:30PM
- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 8:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Patch".

Sherry Patch