

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Sunderland Town Office Building

March 14, 2016

MINUTES

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

Guests: Marlene Johnson, SCSC Director; Finance Committee member: Bruce Bennett;

Behind the Camera: FCAT: Marina Korpita

Call to Order at 6:30PM

Appointments

- Marlene Johnson, South County Senior Center presented the FY17 budget. Ms. Johnson began as the Director in November, 2015 and since arriving has been working on cleaning and revamping the center and adding programs. The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ms. Johnson is trying to add programs for Tuesdays in addition to adding programs 1-3PM on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The additional afternoon programs will not interfere with the currently scheduled activities. Individuals who wish to tour the center may make an appointment with Ms. Johnson for Tuesdays or Thursdays. Attendance is 60-70 seniors per week on average. They have received annual and three-year state grants once again which helps fund programs and other events for the seniors.
- Appointment with Sgt. Lyons regarding finalized OIC agreement from counsel which included the discussed changes: 1) return to current position will be as Sergeant; 2) disciplinary functions which will be handled by the board 3) scheduling. The Board did accept Ptl. Brodeur's resignation. The department currently has a vacant full-time officer position as a result which has been advertised in house. Sgt. Lyons reported all part-time officers have stepped up to fill all vacant shifts during the interim of filling the full-time officer position. Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to appointment Sgt. Lyons as OIC, Mr. Pierce, Second, Vote 3-0. Board signed agreement with Sgt. Lyons. Mr. Bergeron asked when a full-time officer recommendation would be available. It was noted the submission deadline will be after the Board's next meeting, so recommendations would be available for the Board's March 28th meeting.
- Sgt. Lyons is working with the FC Sportsmen's Club regarding training for officers. For the PD to use the club for training, we need to provide a Certificate of Insurance for the Club.

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- Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, accept Minutes of March 7, 2016, Vote 3-0

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Bergeron waiting for the final update on the PATH grant for the 120 N. Main St. project.
- Mr. Fydenkevez readdressed his displeasure with Eversource's handling of solar projects and noted comments previously made. It was also noted that if this matter was important to Eversource, they would have had a meeting with us by now. He also felt Eversource offered to meet with the Town because of state pressure. They are not only holding up our town and resident projects but also those in other communities. Mr. Fydenkevez stated he is still waiting for Eversource to come in tell the Town why they aren't doing what they are required to do by law.
- Mr. Pierce announced they have reached an agreement with the instructional assistant union negotiations last week and official notification should be coming out soon.

Town Administrator Updates

- Continues to work on the budget and revenues.
- Police Chief Search Committee kick-off meeting
- Attended 300th Anniversary Committee kick off meeting.

- Will be attending a meeting on Saturday regarding Citizens Planner Meeting at Holycross regarding Complete Streets
- Mr. Fydenkevez wanted to thank Sherry for getting the Town involved in the Community Compact otherwise we wouldn't have these funding opportunities.
- Attended meeting last week at the school with Town Clerk regarding elections in the school while in session. It was decided an officer should be on premise during election hours which will be reflected in FY17 budget.
- Building Inspector code books were purchased at a reduced rate and significant savings so that will be adjusted accordingly on the FY17 budget.

Old Business

Other Business and Announcements

- Mr. Fydenkevez would like to congratulate all young women, men, and coaches who participated in the 27th annual basketball tournament; thank the Sunderland baseball for organizing the event along with all the other volunteers and families including the "Mancake" Breakfast. Thank you to all for donations of the raffle baskets which were very nice for the price of the ticket.
- Board accepted, with regrets, letter of resignation from Police Officer John Brodeur, Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez, second, Vote 3-0.
- Appointment of Registrars requested by Town Clerk per submitted list, Mr. Fydenkevez Motion, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.
- Next Board of Selectmen's meeting: March 21, 2016, 6:30PM
- Mr. Pierce Motion Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch