

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Sunderland Town Office Building

March 28, 2016

MINUTES

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

Guests: Sgt. Lyons, Officers Benjamin Peters, Bryn Raptor and Jose Cabrera

Behind the Camera: FCAT: Marina Korpita

Call to Order at 6:31PM

Appointments

- Sgt. Lyons, OIC of the Police Department presented part-time officer candidates Bryn Raptor and Jose Cabrera for appointments to the Police Department. The Police Department currently has 5 part-time officers and would like to increase the number. Officers will be in a training period and should be available to patrol on their own by June. After discussion, Mr. Fydenkevez Motion, Mr. Pierce second to appoint Part-time Officers Raptor and Cabrera, Vote 3-0.
- Sgt. Lyons presented Benjamin Peters for a full-time officer position with the Sunderland Police Department. Officer Peters is currently a part-time member of the department since 2014. Sgt. Lyons is also requesting a Temporary Waiver approval from the Board which will allow Officer Peters to work in a full-time officer position while waiting to attend the Full-time Officer Academy. Officer Peters meets all other criteria for a full-time officer appointment and will continue to work in the Department when he begins the Full-time Academy in late summer. Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0 to appoint Benjamin Peters as full-time Police Officer and grant temporary waiver. The Board thanks Sgt. Lyons for his work as OIC and bringing qualified candidates forward for the department.

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- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion, Mr. Pierce second, accept Minutes of March 21, 2016, Vote 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Bergeron announced a Capital Planning Improvement Committee has been scheduled for Tues. April 5th at 7PM. The make-up of the committee is specific but there is an opportunity for three community-at-large members to participate. Mr. Bergeron invited individuals with interest to submit a letter to the board. The board will reach out to Lorin Starr who was an at-large member of the dissolved Permanent Building Committee. The Attorney General's office has opined that school committee designation for this committee does not apply.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced the Deerfield Finance Committee attended last week's SCEMS budget meeting. Zach Smith, Director was not available, but has since addressed all questions posed by the Finance Committee. There will be a public information meeting on Wed. March 30th at 6:30PM in the new Whately Town Offices Bldg. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn about the regional ambulance program and the future plans.
- Mr. Pierce announced there would be a Personnel Committee meeting scheduled soon. There are openings on the committee for two members-at-large as well and that they would welcome new participants.
- Mr. Bergeron said the capital budget was together and the compact part of that would be before next fiscal year.

Town Administrator Updates

Old Business

- Review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant draft. There will not be a Special Town Meeting as current year business may be included in the Annual.

- Ms. Patch noted some transportation costs for a Smith Vocational Student for FY16 school year has been paid from the Reserve Fund to satisfy the vendors request for payment to date. Total cost for out-of-district VoTech student for FY16 is \$22,829.50 which includes tuition and transportation.
- Mr. Bergeron noted one article was a clean-up article for the Capital Budget presented last year which didn't include the Sewer Reserve and Green Communities as a funding sources and amount clearly.
- Mr. Bergeron asked the Board if they would move to include all consent articles? No budgets or salary articles would be included. The articles are not numbered at this time and will be referred to as page numbers and lettering sequentially until the Board and Moderator have determined order and numbering of articles. The Board moved to include the following identified as:
 - Page 1 first article, Page 2 include Veteran Tax Work-Off; Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0. Article "H" Peg Access Fund article, Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
 - Page 2 – there are no capital items/budget insert to include yet.
 - Page 3: Article "I" Smith Vocation student tuition, Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0. Hold on all other articles on Page 3.
 - CPC Articles, Article "O", Article "P" Riverside Article and Article "R"; Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
 - Page 5 – all consent articles, Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
 - Budget: The total budget to date is a 2% increase.
- Mr. Fydenkevez discussed the 10.2% increase in the Elementary School budget and the impact the formulas have on future budgeting for the town. He would like administrative costs reviewed to see if adjustments can be made.
- Ms. Patch noted use of free cash will be used as allowed within the guidelines and assessor's overlay which has not been available in the recent past years.

New Business

- Capital Stabilization on the Levy – Mr. Pierce motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

Other Business and Announcements

- Next Board of Selectmen's meeting: April 4, 2016, 6:30PM
- Annual Town Meeting, Friday April 29th 7:00PM – Sunderland Elementary School.
- Annual Town Elections, Saturday May 7th 9am-4pm-Sunderland Elementary School.
- Last day to register to Vote for Town Meeting and Town Election is April 9th, 9am-8pm, at 7 S. Main St.
- Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch