

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Sunderland Town Office Building
April 4, 2016
MINUTES

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

Guests: Mr. Duby, Moderator

Behind the Camera: FCAT: Marina Korpita

Call to Order at 6:35PM

Appointments

Minutes

- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion, Mr. Pierce second, accept Minutes of March 28, 2016, Vote 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Pierce noted there was a Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for April 5, 2016.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced internment arrangements for Sophie Buczynski who passed away earlier in the year. The family deferred arrangements until the weather was more favorable. Sophie had specific requests for her services and the family wanted to extend an invitation to her friends for Saturday April 9th. The family will receive visitors from 10-11am on Saturday with the funeral at Wrisleys' Funeral Home 11AM-11:20am. A reception will follow at the Pop Paul Center and will be catered by BBA delis, per Sophie's wishes.
- Thank you to the individuals that organized the surprise retirement party for Chief Gilbert on Saturday. It was a very nice event with many presentations including those from Senator Rosenberg, Representative Kulik, Franklin County Police Chiefs Association and Western Mass Police Chiefs Association and a special presentation on behalf of event attendees.
- Mr. Fydenkevez also reported on the Franklin County Selectmens Association that was held the previous week at Chandler's Restaurant. The guest speaker was the Secretary of Economic Development. Some notable items that were addressed was rail service along the upper section of Route 2 and education expectations related to Chapter 70 and Charter Schools. The state is supportive of education funding and increases but will not continue to increase funding if they are not seeing results or changes they want in education.
- In speaking with Sen. Rosenberg and Rep. Kulik recently, they have reported working with the current Baker administration has been very good and effective.
- The informational meeting regarding the South County EMS was held March 31. It was very well attended and a lot of good questions were asked. It was felt there was an overall support for the service from the audience.

Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch received notification that there will be a Community Compact group signing on May 7th beginning at 9am at the Phillipston Town Hall. Sunderland was awarded a Community Compact grant.
- A Department Head meeting has been scheduled for next week and will include discussing changes in the budgets related to personnel pay increases and general budget discussion.

Old Business

- ATM Warrant review. Mr. Bergeron noted the draft warrant is lettered to identify articles until numbers are assigned.
- Article A (town committee and department reports): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to include, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article B (previous year invoice for Sugarbush counsel expense): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to include, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

- Article C (salary compensation for elected officials): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to take no action, Mr. Pierce second to include, Vote 3-0.
- Article D (town budget): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to take no action, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article E (Capital Stabilization funding): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to take no action, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article F (Capital budget): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to take no action, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article G (Veterans tax work-off program): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to include, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article H (Peg Access and Cable fund): Mr. Pierce Motion to include, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Article I (out-of-district student tuition and transportation): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to recommend and include, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article J (ATM 4.24.15 article definition): Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to recommend and include, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Article K, L, M, N (School Street property along Connecticut River): Mr. Fydenkevez requested to “hold” and not take any votes on these articles until all options have been reviewed further.
- Article O (CPA – Reo Truck): Mr. Pierce Motion to include and recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Article P (CPA - Riverfront recreation): Mr. Pierce Motion to include and recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Article Q (CPA-Riverside Cemetery): Mr. Pierce Motion to include and recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 2-0-1.
- Article R (CPA – administrative expenses): Mr. Pierce Motion to include and recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. The Moderator questioned the expenditure of administrative expenses for CPA activities. The board verified administrative support is allowed under the charter of CPA.
- Article S (Anniversary Celebration): Mr. Pierce Motion to recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. A 300th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6th and it is expected some costs would be identified and brought forward.
- Article T: (Library expendable trust account): Mr. Pierce Motion to recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Consent articles (currently labeled “Articles 23-29”) were voted on last meeting.
- Consent Article related to Highway Shared Equipment added, Mr. Pierce Motion to include and recommend, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Article Y (SCEMS Inter-municipal Agreement): Mr. Pierce Motion to include and remove placement from consent articles and place as an independent articles, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- New Business

Other Business and Announcements

- April 11, 2016, 6:30PM - Next Board of Selectmen’s meeting
- April 29th 7:00PM Annual Town Meeting– Sunderland Elementary School.
- May 7th 8am-3pm Annual Town Elections -Sunderland Elementary School (time finalized)
- April 9th, 9am-8pm Last day to register to Vote for Town Meeting and Town Election, at 7 S. Main St.
- Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch