

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016
Sunderland Town Office Building

Attendees: Scott Bergeron, Thomas Fydenkevez, David Pierce, Sherry Patch
Guests: Steve Benjamin, Robert Ahearn
Behind the Camera: Marina Korpita/FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM.

Announcement

- Mr. Bergeron announced that the Town Clerk's Office will be opened from 9AM to 12 PM for absentee ballots. This will be the last opportunity to vote by absentee ballot for the Town election, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Sunderland Elementary School.

MEMA Opt-In Program

- Retired Fire Chief Bob Ahearn and Chief Steve Benjamin met with the board to discuss the MEMA Opt-In Program for Statewide Mutual Aid. Chief Ahearn advised the board that the agreement would provide more resources on a state wide level to the Police, Fire and Highway Department during emergencies such as snow storms and tornados. Chief Ahearn advised the board that the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) would be contacting the town to discuss future emergency preparedness opportunities. MOTION: Mr. Pierce to sign the MEMA Opt-In Agreement. SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez. VOTED: 3-0. Chief Ahearn advised the board of an outstanding ambulance bill that was brought to attention. The bill is for service prior to SCEMS and will have to be paid.

Approve Minutes

- MOTION: Mr. Fydenkevez to approve the minutes of the meeting dated April 20, 2016. SECOND: Mr. Pierce. VOTED: 3-0.
- MOTION: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of the meeting dated April 25, 2016. SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez. VOTED: 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Bergeron thanked everyone that participated in the Annual Town Meeting.
- Mr. Fydenkevez acknowledged the efforts of the Community Pathways Committee with regard to the boat launch project. Mr. Fydenkevez also acknowledged the efforts of former Finance Committee members who were instrumental in developing the town's financial policies.

Town Administrator Update

- Ms. Patch will be attending a Mass in Motion Steering Committee Meeting at the FRCOG on Wednesday. She will also be attending a PARC Grant training with members of the Community Pathways Committee in Amherst on Thursday. Ms. Patch advised the board that she is scheduling meeting with several boards and/or committees to discuss project planning for FY 17.

Next Steps Police Chief Search

- The board announced that candidate interviews will be conducted the week of May 9th and May 16th. The board anticipates announcing the finalist on May 23rd. The Town

Administrator was instructed to contact the candidates to schedule the interviews. The board will review interview questions at their next meeting. Residents were invited to submit interview questions by email at selectmen@townofsunderland.us or to attend the interview, which are open to the public.

New Business

- Mr. Pierce read a letter from the Town Clerk requesting that Helen Clark be appointed to the position of Election Worker. MOTION: Mr. Fydenkevez. SECOND: Mr. Pierce. VOTED: 3-0.

Adjournment

- MOTION: Mr. Pierce to adjourn the meeting. SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez. VOTED: 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherry Patch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator