

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes-Monday, June 20, 2016
Town Office Building
Sunderland, MA

Attendees: Tom Fydenkevez, Scott Bergeron, David Pierce, Sherry Patch
Absent: Scott Bergeron
Guests: Doris Huard, Bartholomew Group
Behind the Camera: Lacey Arnold/FCAT

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM.
- Mr. Fydenkevez acknowledged the passing of Philip Gilmore Sr., a Deerfield resident who was a former EMT and EMT instructor. The board observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Gilmore.

Appointments

- Appointment with Library Director to be rescheduled.
- The board met with Dorey Huard of the Bartholomew Group to discuss Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) services. Ms. Huard gave a brief overview of the services provided by Bartholomew Group with regard to investment of funds for future post-employment benefits such as health and life insurance. The Bartholomew currently provides services to over 200 communities, of which 100 have OPEB Trusts. Ms. Huard advised that GASB accounting principles set regulations on how financial benefits must be reported and how they are accounted for. These regulations came into effect in 2005. Reporting on how funding is to be addressed was scheduled to begin in 2009. These regulations look at costs to fund future retirement benefits and how much that liability will cost in future years. Money put into the trust is invested in the stock market to earn funds so that these costs are not just born by taxpayers. Legislation has been proposed under the Governor's 2016 Municipal Modernization Bill to establish an irrevocable trust. Currently the law allows you to put money into an account and invest funds. Most communities typically invest funds conservatively. Typically 75-90% of funds are invested in government bonds and CD's. However, if a higher rate of return is desired, a more aggressive approach is necessary to see a rate of return between 6-7% annually. The Bartholomew group provides services to assist the Town and Treasurer with implementing recommendations set forth for OPEB including risk level recommendations, investment policy development, and oversight.

Approve Minutes

- MOTION: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 6/6/16.
SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez
VOTED: 2-0

Old Business

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Pierce stated that a meeting was held last Friday to discuss cable contract. Mr. Pierce advised that that a meeting was held last Friday to discuss final Comcast Cable Contract. The final contract for approval should be received shortly.

- Mr. Fydenkevez advised that South County EMS Board of Oversight met last Thursday accepted the recommendation of the Building Committee with regard to the RFP for housing of the SCEMS. Two proposals were received, one for the Whately Municipal Building and one for the Old South Deerfield Fire Station. Whately building scored highest. Upon recommendation of the Deerfield Town Administrator all bids were rejected and to recommend that the Whately Facility and recommend that the Deerfield Selectmen enter into negotiations with Whately.

Town Administrator Updates

- Meeting with Energia and Guardian to finish up building envelope improvements and the Public Safety Complex, Town Office Building and Library. The Order of Taking for the School Street parcel has been recorded. Attended the Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing to discuss possibility of applying for a PARC Grant for improvements along the river. Concerns were expressed at the meeting regarding parking, maintenance of new and existing fields and river impact. The overall general consensus following the meeting is to address concerns and apply for grant funding next year. Ms. Patch also advised that she is looking at a possible LED Streetlights project for grant funding under DOER funding or Complete Streets.

FY 17 Reappointments Committees/Boards

- MOTION: Mr. Pierce to appoint as read
SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez
VOTED: 2-0

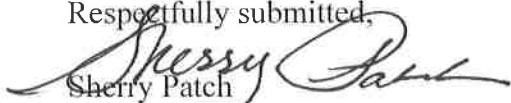
Note: list of committees and appointees incorporated in these minutes.

Correspondence

- Mr. Pierce read the letter of award for a \$24,534 grant through the Community Compact for IT improvements.
- MOTION: Mr. Pierce to adjourn.
SECOND: Mr. Fydenkevez
VOTED: 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch
Town Administrator

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS 6.20.16 - continued

COMMITTEES / BOARDS/ COMMISSIONS

DRAKE-THOMPSON, GAYLE	300th Anniversary Planning Committee	1 YR/2016
WISSEMANN, JESS	300th Anniversary Planning Committee	1 YR/2016
WISSEMANN, DAVID	300th Anniversary Planning Committee	1 YR/2016
BECKLEY, STUART	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
BERGERON, SCOTT	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
FIOCCHI, CARL	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
FYDENKEVEZ, TOM (alternate)	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
PATENAUDE, PATRICIA	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
MARKOWSKI, LEON	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
O'BRIEN, JEFF	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
STARR, LORIN	120 N. MAIN STREET	1 YR/2016
ARQUIN, MEGAN	AG COMMISSION	3 YR/2016
PATCH, SHERRY	Network & Electronic Resources Agents	1 YR/2016
PATCH, SHERRY	Procurement Officer	1 YR/2016
PATCH, SHERRY	ADA Coordinator	1 YR/2016
PATCH, SHERRY	PVTA Representative	1 YR/2016
PATCH, SHERRY	Ethics Municipal Liaison	1 YR/2016
AHEARN, ROBERT	SCEMS BoO	1 YR/2016
BENJAMIN, STEVEN	Sunderland Emergency Preparedness Team	1 YR/2016

SELECTMEN COMMITTEES

BERGERON, SCOTT	120 N. Main Street
BERGERON, SCOTT	Capital Improvement Planning Comm
BERGERON, SCOTT	Housing Committee
BERGERON, SCOTT	SEPT
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	120 N. Main Street (alternate member)
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	SCEMS BoO
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	Community Preservation Committee
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	FRCOG Rep
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	Senior County Senior Center BOO
FYDENKEVEZ, THOMAS	SEPT
PIERCE, DAVID	Economic Development
PIERCE, DAVID	Personnel Committee
PIERCE, DAVID	SEPT
PIERCE, DAVID	Teacher Union 38 and Instructional Assistants