

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016
Sunderland Town Office Bldg.

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch
Others: Caroline Pam, Sgt. Lyons, Cody Wells, Diane Olshesky, Erik Demetropoulos, Stacie Demetropoulos, Isabel Demetropoulos
Behind the Camera: FCAT/Chris Collins

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Chili Fest Temporary Liquor License

- Caroline Pam d/b/a Kitchen Garden met with the board to discuss her request for temporary liquor license for the annual Chili Fest to be held on September 17 & 18. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to grant the temporary license as requested. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Save Our Schools

- Diane Olshesky discussed the Save Our Town Initiative, which will appear on the November Ballot Question #2. The initiative will allow the state to approve 12 new Commonwealth Charter Schools every year in perpetuity. Ms. Olshesky stated if passed, the result would a loss of funding to public schools, no local accountability and unequal education. Ms. Olshesky stated that she has been meeting with local boards to ask them to consider passing a resolution. This matter was taken under advisement.

Part-time Officer Appointment

- Sgt. Lyons advised the board that interviews were conducted for part-time officers by officers Tozloski, and Scoble. The Officers are recommending Cody Wells be appointed. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to appoint Cody Wells as a part-time officer. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

Update Contract Negotiations Police Chief

- Mr. Bergeron provided a brief update on contract negotiations with Police Chief Candidate Erik Demetropoulos. Mr. Demetropoulos has accepted the contract terms. The agreement is within the appropriation and has been approved by Town Counsel and the Massachusetts Police Chief Association. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to recommend Erik Demetropoulos for the position of Police Chief and to execute the contract for employment effective August 29, 2016. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Approve Minutes

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of 7/25/16. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.
- Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of 8/8/16. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted 2-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Bergeron provided an update on the 120 North Main Street Design/Developer Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Bergeron advised that the town has been working with the 120 North Committee and FRCOG to look at the feasibility of Senior Affordable Housing on the 2.8 acre parcel at 120 North Main Street. The original town meeting voted to authorize the board to purchase the property, but not to dispose of the property, which could cause some tension in the RFP process. Mr. Bergeron stated that the board will need town meeting approval to dispose of the property. The board will meet on Monday, August 29, 2016 to schedule a Special Town Meeting.
- Mr. Pierce advised that the solar project is moving along. A start up meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning at the Elementary School.
- Mr. Fydenkevez provided an update on South County EMS housing. The Deerfield Board of Selectmen is looking at building a new complex through various donations, which would then be gifted to the town. Whately Select Board continues to be interested in moving forward with leasing space to SCEMS at the Whately Town Office Building.

Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch provided updates on the RFP for lease of Office Space at the Town Office Building. The Board of Selectmen will serve as the Selection Committee to review the RFP's.
- Ms. Patch advised that supplier services bids were received. The current contract is with Constellation at .11 per Kwh. The low bid received was from Public Power at .08600 per kwh. Motion Mr. Bergeron to accept the Town Administrator's recommendation to enter into an agreement for supplier services with Public Power at .08600 (fixed cost) for 24 months. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.
- Ms. Patch advised that approval for the weatherization projects at the Public Safety Complex and Town Office Building has been received from DOER.
- Ms. Patch advised that the Massachusetts State Police Wives Association is seeking permission to tie blue ribbons around trees in town in support of law enforcement. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept the proposal from Mass State Police Wives Association. Second: Mr. Pierce. Defeated:1-2.
- Ms. Patch advised the Upper Franklin County Veterans Association is seeking a representative. Ms. Patch will post the position.

Election Officer Appointment

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to appoint Carol Ahearn as an Election Officer (Democrat). Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

FRCOG Appointment Selectboard Designee

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to appoint David Pierce as the Select Board designee to the FRCOG Planning Board. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted 3-0.

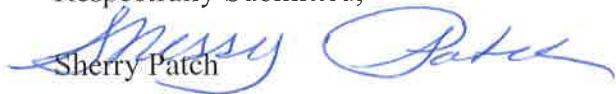
Approval of MOU for Explorer Program/ Fire Department

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Explorer Program with the Sunderland Fire Department. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to adjourn the meeting. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sherry Patch", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name "Sherry Patch".

Sherry Patch

