

Selectboard Meeting
Monday, October 31, 2016
Sunderland Town Office Bldg.

Present: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch
Others: K. Hand, B. Berry, P. Murphy, T. Zimnowski
Behind the Camera: Chris Collins/FCAT

Update Sunderland Public Library Director

- Director Katherine Hand met with the board to give an update on the library's programs and activities to date. Ms. Hand stated that meeting with board is part of the plans to improve communication with the board. Ms. Hand informed the board that Laura Williams has retired after 30 years of service to the library. Aaron Falbel has been promoted to the position of Head of Adult Services. Aaron's hours will be increased from 10 hours to 16 hours per week. The hourly wage rate will remain at \$15.29 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ms. Hand also advised that the Long Range Plan has been submitted and is pending approval from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The library has received a customer service and technology grant that will provide training to staff. The library is partnering with New England Health to conduct a "Memory Cafe" on November 19th.
- Trustee Beth Berry advised the board that the Trustees have begun working on the FY 18 budget request. Ms. Berry stated that the Trustees would like to work with the Personnel Committee to adjust library salaries so that they are comparable to other towns providing similar library services. Ms. Patch advised that the Personnel Advisory Committee will be meeting this week to begin discussions regarding employee compensation. The Trustees will be notified of a date and time to meet with the committee.

Electrical Permit Fees

- Electrical Inspector Peter Murphy met with the board. Mr. Murphy recommended that the fee for solar arrays \$100 plus \$10 per \$1,000 project cost. Mr. Murphy stated that he does not want to change the residential fee schedule at this time. Garages have been removed from the fee schedule. Under miscellaneous smoke detectors per structure will be removed as it is covered under other areas. Mr. Murphy is also recommending that the cap on commercial projects be removed. Additionally, Mr. Murphy is recommended that fees for work begun without a permit be doubled. Work completed without a permit will be tripled.
- Motion: Mr. Pierce to accept the fee schedule as presented by Electrical Inspector Peter Murphy. Second: Mr. Bergeron Voted: 3-0.

Note: New Fee Schedule as presented incorporated in these minutes.

APR Land Hoynoski/Monterey Rose, LLC

Curtice Griffin, Chairman of the Conservation Commission met with the board to discuss the Hoynoski/Monterey Rose and Gunn APR proposal. The owners would like the Town to hold the conservation easement instead of the state. The Franklin Land Trust is willing to monitor the properties to make the APR requirements are met. Mr. Bergeron asked if there are any

liabilities to the town with regard to the town holding the easement. The Conservation Commission will send a letter endorsing the conservation easement.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept the minutes of the meeting dated October 17, 2016 as presented. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Updates

- Mr. Bergeron advised that questions regarding the RFP for the 120 North Main Street close on Monday. The new owners of Sugarbush Meadows have contacted the town through a Landscape Architecture firm.
- Mr. Fydenkevez updated the board on the SCEMS housing. The Board of Oversight has received a proposal to build a structure from the Town of Deerfield. The structure would be built on Town property and leased to SCEMS for \$36,000 per year. Whately also continues to work on a proposal.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an update on the North Main Street reconstruction project. A working group meeting was held last week with members of the Planning Board and Community Pathways Committee and CHA Engineering to discuss bicycle accommodation alternatives proposed by CHA. The consensus of those present is to proceed with a shared bike path on the west side of North Main Street.

RFP Lease of Office Space at Town Office Building

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept Franklin Community Access Television's (FCAT) proposal to lease space at the Sunderland Town Office Building, subject to lease negotiations. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

Appointment of Selectmen Representative for Police Union Negotiations

- Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to appoint Scott Bergeron as the representative for Police Union Contract negotiations. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Highway Employee Retirement Announcement

- Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept with regret the retirement of Robert Skribiski from the Highway Department effective 12/31/16. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

300th Anniversary Committee

- Mr. Zimnowski gave a brief update on the leaf and garden composting collection. Donations will be used to defray costs for the 300th Anniversary celebrations. Martins Farms donated the container for the compost event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sherry Patch