

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (BOS) MINUTES – November 30, 2015

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Absent:

Others:

Behind the Camera: Chris Collins

- Call to order at 7:05pm
- Barbara White, co-owner of the **Blue Heron Café and Restaurant, LLC** appeared before the Board because of a request for a **special One-day Alcohol License extension for a New Year's Eve event**. The extension would be to 1AM on January 1, 2016. Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 3-0 to grant extension. Mr. Fydenkevez asked Ms. Patch to follow-up on the town's policy related to one extension allowed per year and if the town restricted how late restaurants serving alcohol were permitted to be open.
- Since Ms. White was meeting with the Board, Mr. Fydenkevez took the opportunity to discuss the **North Main Street Reconstruction project** review being done, specifically discussing the **parking layout** currently in the front of the Blue Heron building. She expressed they did always have concerns with patrons backing out onto Rt. 47 and they would welcome participating in any discussion related to the public parking areas.
- 7:10PM appointment with the Police Chief regarding an officer appointment had been withdrawn.
- **Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to accept Minutes of November 23, 2015, 2nd Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.**
- **Sara Snyder and Dan Murphy met with the Board to update on the Planning Board and related Community Pathways Committee activities.** The Board of Selectmen would need to write a letter to MassDOT formalizing action items on the recommendations made regarding the Rt 47 and Rt 116 intersection. Discussion continued regarding the changes the town would like to see and how that would effect the TIP project. Ms. Snyder reported making changes would delay the project by one-two years. If we were to start a new TIP application with the additional project intentions then the whole reconstruction project would be delayed approximately another 10 years, just like beginning another project entirely. There was discussion regarding the different road configurations the Community Pathways Committee would like to see addressed. Mr. Fydenkevez asked Ms. Patch if she would review prior safety upgrades that were implemented and if MassDOT felt they were effective measures. In addition the Board would like to invite MassDOT to a future Board meeting to discuss some the observations and proposed changes. Ms. Snyder said a letter was being prepared for the Board of Selectmen to sign based on the Community Pathways Committee meeting with MA Fish and Game regarding fishing and boating access land management grant. The grant would allow MA Fish and Game to assume maintenance, etc. once upgrades have been completed. The Board stated a letter would be drafted as soon as possible.
- **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**
 - Attended South County Senior Center (SCSC) Potluck today, met with the new director and many Sunderland seniors. Mr. Fydenkevez noted the new Director will be holding additional office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays to allow an opportunity for those who can't make the other days the center is open to tour the facility to see if they would like to participate in its many programs. Also noted FCAT tapes many of the special events at the SCSC for viewing on cable access TV.
 - Public Safety Complex Cooling System bids close Wednesday.

- Police Clerk applications closed today at 4PM and interviews will be set up later in the week.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES
 - Mr. Pierce reported still waiting on a disposition between Kersarge and Eversource related to the solar.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez reported on the SCEMS: there are 8 FT members, 4 of which are Paramedics and 4 are EMTs (basic and intermediate). Two of the EMTs are close to completing their Paramedic coursework. It is hard to hire paramedics for shiftwork but the initial intent was to slowly add staff as the program developed. Run times have improved and the operation is working as expected.
 - Mr. Bergeron reported the Sugarbush litigation appeals are being submitted December 5th. The Housing Committee meeting was cancelled for today and was being rescheduled for Thursday or next Monday to review the Housing Production Plan. The Planning Board has this on their December 8th agenda.
 - Mr. Bergeron said 120 N. Main Street Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday December 3rd. The development for this property would have an impact on the town's housing plan, meeting some of the state quota.
- Mr. Fydenkevez addressed Ms. Patch thanking her for the work being done. He stated it is hard to hire new personnel, especially for a position such as a Town Administrator. Mr. Fydenkevez stated the Town is very lucky to have someone of Ms. Patch's expertise and quality and appreciate all of her efforts since joining us.
- Next Board meeting November 7th.
- Motion Mr. Pierce, 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez to adjourn at 7:52PM, Vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator