

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017
Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch
Others: Chief Demetropoulos, G. Emery, S. Snyder, R. Warner,
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Demetropoulos came before the board to present five (5) part-time officer candidates for appointment; 4 will be part-time department officers and one (1) will provide firearms training only. All candidates have prior experience and have worked in other towns. Chief Demetropoulos advised that he and Sgt. Lyons conducted nine (9) interviews. Chief Demetropoulos recommended that the following candidates be appointed: Gerald Bettran, Dan McCarthy, Vincent Fabi, Mark Ruddock, Ed Cialek & firearms training instructor.

Mr. Fydenkevez welcomed the new part-time officers and encouraged them to meet residents and talk with the community members, which is an important part of community policing.

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to appoint all officers as presented for the remainder of the fiscal year term. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Olanyk and Deb Wilder were present to speak to the board regarding their property on Old Amherst Road which they intend to build on. Currently the property has a structure that will be destroyed. A house will be built in its place. They have met with the Building Inspector and the Zoning Board Chair who has made a determination that they do not need to appear before the ZBA. Mr. Olanyk and Ms. Wilder would like to request permission to live in a camper for three years while demolition and construction of a new home. They have a sewer connection permit previously issued for the property. Mr. Fydenkevez noted he would not like to take no action at this meeting and do further investigation before consideration. Mr. Fydenkevez requested a specific timeline in order to consider and also requested the Town Administrator review with Town Counsel. Mr. Bergeron reiterated that the Board acts or governs by policy and will look into the request further. Mr. Olanyk stated he wanted to start the conversation with the Board to see it would be an option as it would save them a lot of money in expenses that they could invest in the property. Mr. Olanyk will develop a timeline for the next meeting with the Board.

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Sara Snyder is working on applying for a PARC Grant for Sunderland's Riverfront project. One condition of the grant is that the land be held in a conservation restriction in perpetuity. Ms. Snyder advised that she wanted to make sure that the board was aware of the restriction and did not have a problem with it before moving forward with the application. There was discussion of possibly changing lot lines to exclude the Town Office Building in the future. Mr. Pierce acknowledged that ongoing maintenance of the park will continue to be a challenge. Mr.

Fydenkevez agreed with maintenance concerns and stated that user fees may need to be implemented to offset maintenance costs in the future. It was noted the Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 7PM. Plans are on the website.

Ms. Snyder also noted a partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding removal of invasive plants (knotweed). As part of the terms and conditions, the town will have to enter into an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife that it will not alter the area for 10 years.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER RECOMMENDATION & FY 18 CHAPTER 90 PROJECT REVIEW

Highway Superintendent George Emery met with the board. Mr. Emery recommended that Frederick Korenewsky be appointed as a new full-time highway laborer. Mr. Korenewsky will be hired at the rate of \$19.00 per hour and will start upon successful completion of employment exam, testing, CORI, etc.

Chapter 90 work to be done:

- Park Road starting at house number 41. Shim, oil and stone will be provided and improvements to drainage will be done. Mr. Fydenkevez suggested working with the Police Chief regarding safety improvements on Park Road and Garage Road as well.
- Torrey Road will be shimmed and receive oil and stone.
- E. Plumtree Road will have a binder and oil and stone in some sections.
- Gunn Cross Road will be shimmed to address ruts which will make it easier to maintain.
- Reservation Road will have a small section paved.
- Old Amherst Road will have milling and overlay spring of 2018.
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Additional Highway projects: Catch basins need repair at the Library, Public Safety Complex parking lot, and tree trimming and roadside mowing has begun. Hubbard Hill Road will have brush hog attention and trim back the areas needed. Seasonal projects are a little behind this year due to shortage of staff.

Mr. Emery reported the new truck is ready and expected in the next week or so. Potyrala Cross Road conditions were discussed with the Board. Highway Superintendent recommends patch or mill since there is minimal vehicle traffic and it is primarily used for a short cut for farmers to access the fields. Mr. Fydenkevez asked if it could be milled to dirt. Mr. Emery noted it is very costly to maintain. The board will take a look at Potyrala Cross. Highway Superintendent George Emery will get estimated costs from Warner Bros.

Peter Gargarin asked if crack sealing could be explored noting that 47 South / N. Main could use it. He also noted N. Main Street to Claybrook is not safe for bike riders and asked if more police patrols could be done in that area. It was noted that improvements to the area are included in the 2020 TIP application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes of May 22, 2017. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez extended condolences to the Houle family. Kay passed away recently and had a long history in Sunderland. Please observe a moment of silence.

Mr. Bergeron announced that Sunderland passed another generation of Whitmores as well. Bill passed away recently as well and was instrumental in broadband and cable access in town serving on the Telecommunications Committee for many years to accomplish these goals.

Mr. Pierce announced a reminder of the CPC/Community Pathways Public Hearing on Wednesday for the Riverfront project and encouraged community involvement.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

- Article 1: Motion Mr. Bergeron, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Voted: 3-0 to recommend
- Article 2: Motion Mr. Bergeron, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Voted: 2-1 to recommend
- Article 3: Motion Mr. Fydenkevez, Second Mr. Bergeron, Voted: 3-0 to recommend

Mr. Fydenkevez encourages the community to get involved and take part.

Next Selectmen's Meeting June 12, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Special Town Meeting on June 16, 2017. 7:00PM at the Sunderland Elementary School.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator