

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes-Monday, January 30, 2017
Town Office Bldg.

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch
Others: B. Hemmer, B. Manning, L. Starr, K. Hand, H. Graves, B. Berry, K. Hand, J. Rosewarne, V. Voorheis, G. Bridwell, S. Randall, B. Bennett, W. Powers, A. Kajustas, F. Mozea
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Town Sewer Connection – Park Road

The Board of Selectmen acting as Sewer Commissioners met with Robert Hemmer to discuss possible connection to the town sewer for two parcels located on Park Road. Mr. Hemmer advised that he has subdivided his property into 2 lots and is interested in connecting to town sewer. WWTP Chief Operator Richard Brynda has advised the Commissioners that the estimated cost for the connection is approximately \$40,000.00. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that he could not recommend that the sewer users pick up this cost, but did not have a problem with a private connection. Mr. Hemmer inquired about possible grants for extending the sewer line. Mr. Hemmer was advised to contact the Town Administrator regarding possible grant opportunities and to contact Rich Brynda to discuss requirements for a private connection to the sewer.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee-FY 18 Budget Presentation Sunderland Public Library

Members of the Finance Committee and Sunderland Public Library Trustees met with the board to discuss their budget request for FY 18. Library Director Katherine Hand advised that increases in the budget reflect an increase in costs for security monitoring at the library and increased cost for higher speed wireless internet for the public. Ms. Hand stated that library is also requesting an increase in wages for support staff. Trustee Lorin Starr stated that a 6% salary increase in salary is being requested for the Director. Ms. Starr advised that 2% is for COLA and 4% is a merit increase.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of the 1/23/17 meeting with DLTA clarification.
Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0

Board of Selectmen Updates

Mr. Bergeron advised that Police Union Contract negotiations are ongoing. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning. The 120 North Main Street Committee is meeting with members of the Rural Development Inc. Project Management Team to discuss their proposal for Senior Affordable Housing at 120 North Main Street. A recommendation from the committee will follow. Mr. Pierce advised that a Personnel Advisor Committee meeting is being scheduled for next week. Mr. Fydenkevez provided an update on SCEMS. Mr. Fydenkevez advised that

they will be extending the lease for housing with South Deerfield District Fire Department until a permanent housing arranged.

Town Administrator Updates

Ms. Patch recommended that the board closeout the Green Communities Designation grant by crediting the remaining grant funds to the WWTP Dissolved Oxygen Sensor Project and to grant administration costs. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to close out the grant as recommended. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Order of Taking –Parcel C Land Swap

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to sign the Order of Taking for Parcel C. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0. Mr. Bergeron noted that the Taking was approved at the Annual Town Meeting and is a friendly taking.

Caucus Warrant

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to sign the Town Caucus Warrant as presented. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0

Note: Town Caucus to be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Sunderland Town Office Bldg.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch