

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2017
Sunderland Town Office Bldg.

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch
Others: E. Demetropoulos, M. Johnson, L. Starr, D. Murphy, A. Kajstura, B. Bennett, W. Power, E. Crowe
S. Randall, F. Mozea, S. Benjamin, J. Bielunis
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

120 North Main Street Committee Update

120 North Committee Chair Lorin Starr advised the board that one proposal was received from Rural Development Inc. (RDI) for development of a senior affordable housing project at 120 North Main Street. Ms. Starr further advised that references have been checked and that an interview of the project management team conducted. In attendance at the interview were representatives from the CPA Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board. Ms. Starr stated that everyone is impressed with the proposal given that the site has constraints and is marginally financially feasible. Ms. Starr stated that the committee unanimously recommends that the board accept the proposal and enter into negotiations the RDI for development of the project. Ms. Starr commended the committee for the work and dedication to the project. Ms. Starr further advised the board of the committee's desire to stay involved and see the project through completion. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept the recommendation of the 120 North Committee and begin negotiations for development of the project with Rural Development Inc. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

FY 18 Budget Presentations-Police Department & South County Senior Center

The board met jointly with members of the Finance Committee to hear the FY 18 departmental budgets for the Police Department and South County Senior Center.

Chief Demetropoulos noted an increase in part-time officer wages. The Chief would like to add additional part-time officers to the roster, mandated training is also including in this line item. Additional expenses in the Police Department Expense line are for contractual obligations, CJIS Software, and increased cost in ammunition. FY 18 Capital requests include replacement of 2008 Cruiser (\$47,221.), Evidence Room security Improvements, Public Safety Complex door access and video surveillance system (\$21,671), Opticom Switching (1,525).

South County Senior Center Director Marlene Johnson gave an overview of the programs and services provided at the South County Senior Center including, congregate meals, meals on wheels, medical and educational programs, exercise, and recreational activities. The South County Senior Center serves the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately. The cost share of the budget is 50%/25%/25% respectively. Ms. Johnson advised that the town's share of the budget is \$12,054 for FY 18.

Fire Department Historical Overview Presentation

Jim Bielunis gave a historical overview of the Fire Department. Mr. Bielunis noted that there have been 8 Fire Chiefs in the history of the department. The first department report appears in the 1934 Annual Town Report. Mr. Bielunis stated that his research revealed that the department actually started in 1933 and was formed at a Town Meeting on February 6, 1933. Mr. Bielunis and Chief Benjamin presented a birthday cake in recognition of the department's 84th birthday.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 1/20/17. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

Highway Department Snow & Ice Deficit

The board acknowledged receipt of a memo from Highway Superintendent George Emery requesting pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §31D, authorization to spend \$12,000 in excess of the available Snow and Ice Expense appropriation and \$7,000 in excess of the Snow and Ice Wage appropriation.

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the request for Snow & Ice Deficit spending as requested by the Highway Superintendent. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator