

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
Sunderland Town Office Bldg.

Attending: Tom Fydenkevez, Scott Bergeron, David Pierce, Sherry Patch  
Others: Sara Snyder, Bob Dube  
Behind the Camera: FCAT

#### Call to Order

Meeting Called to order at 6:40 PM.

#### Community Pathways Committee/Complete Streets

Community Pathways Chair Sara Snyder met with the board to discuss the Committees recommendations for improvements under the Complete Streets Program. Ms. Snyder stated that the Town has an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$400,000 to make streets safer for pedestrians, bicycles and all modes of transportation. The committee has been working with the FRCOG on a detailed project list and now must select projects to submit under the program. The Committee is recommending the following: River Road Sidewalk Rehab; Old Amherst Road Crosswalks; Sidewalks Hadley Road to connect Old Amherst Road; Garage Road add sidewalk to improve safety; Gateway Treatment/traffic calming and Sidewalk Rehab (east side) South Main Street. Ms. Snyder stated that sidewalks and lighting on School Street are also a priority but may have to wait for additional funding due to right-of-way issues. The grant application is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Design is not eligible under the program. A final recommendation will be ready for board approval on Friday.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 4/18/17. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0

#### FY 18 Budget and Annual Town Meeting Discussion

The Board of Selectmen will meet on 4/28/17 at 6:30 PM prior to the annual Town Meeting to approve the final Complete Streets Project grant request.

Mr. Fydenkevez stated that he feel that the Personnel Advisory Committee should have their recommendations for COLA and salary adjustments by the start of the budget process. Budget highlights include: General Government increase: 2.4% increase, Town building 56.9% increase reflects reallocation of expenses to new line Municipal Energy and Solar Expense; Police Department (contract negotiations almost complete) reflects increases in training costs and mileage reimbursement for Chief per contract. Fire Department budget decrease by 10% due to South County EMS assessment reduced through use of retained earnings. Highway increase 3.3% reflects increase in highway maintenance and two new hires. Library increase 5.5% reflects increase in wages. Sunderland Elementary School increase 5.2%. Benefits and Insurance Town Employee Medical 28.6% increase. If override passes an additional \$59,000 would be needed this year to fund the budget.

#### Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Recommendations:

Article 2. \$9,043.45 prior year bills-Motion: Mr. Bergeron. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Article 3. Elected Officials Salaries-Motion: Mr. Bergeron. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Article 4. FY 18 Budget \$7,054,247 raise and appropriate, \$20,000 from Ambulance Reserve, \$29,000 from Comcast PEG, \$338,791 Sewer Fund, \$5,063 from Title V and \$127,144 from Free Cash for a total sum of \$7,574,245. Motion: Mr. Bergeron. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Article 5. \$277,557 Free Cash to Stabilization -Motion: Mr. Pierce. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Article 6. \$77,144 Free Cash to Capital Stabilization-Motion: Mr. Pierce. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Board of Selectmen  
Sunderland Elementary School  
Friday, April 28, 2017

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce  
Others: C. Bennett, D. Jenkins

Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM.

Approval of Complete Streets Projects

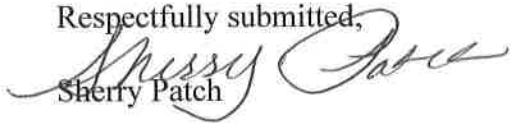
The board reviewed and approved the Chapter 90 Environmental Project Punch lists for the Complete Streets Grant application.

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the lists as presented. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sherry Patch