

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, June 26, 2017  
Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, and S. Patch;  
Others: S. Snyder, D. Sagan, L. Lopatka  
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:39PM.

#### Sunderland Riverfront Project Land Management Agreement U.S. Fish and Wildlife

David Sagan from U.S. Fish and Wildlife met with the Board along with Sara Snyder, Chair of the Community Pathways Committee regarding removal of invasive "knot weed" along the riverfront trail. Mr. Sagan advised that the department has the ability to work on any land not owned by the state or federal government. The Conservation Commission is in agreement with the invasive plant management. Management of the invasive plants will restore the natural habitat and improve wildlife habitat. The project will require monitoring for at least one year after aggressive treatment of the impacted areas. Ms. Snyder noted that the library will be offering a program in August on bittersweet removal and management. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement was presented to the Board. The agreement will allow further collaboration with the Town and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to enter agreement for knotweed eradication. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Ms. Snyder discussed proposed names for the riverfront parks project.

Mr. Pierce will attend the next Community Pathways meeting.

#### MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept minutes of June 19, 2017. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

#### UPDATES

- Mr. Fydenkevez noted we've received a few emails regarding the park and hopes people will attend meetings and express idea and opinions. Community feedback is important when improvements to town properties are being considered.
- The town's Bond rating was raised by S & P which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> increase in the last 10 years.
- Mr. Bergeron noted last week the 120 N. Main Street Committee met with RDI and Austin Design. The goal is reintroduction and what the committee/developer relationship is. The groups are very creative and expect good collaboration with RDI and 120 N. Main Street Committee.
- Mr. Bergeron announced a "hand shake" agreement with the Police Union. The agreement doesn't change fundamentally; highlights include language changes, protective gear deletion and addition of equipment; six (6) steps added and years of service changes to 12 years vs. 5 years. There were also some salary changes, Quinn and private duty details payment. COLAs set at 3%, 3% and 3% for full-time officers and

3%, 3% and 4% for part-time officers. Implementation of contract across all three (3) years. Administrative challenge is pay period recommendation adoption contingent on signing of association. The Board voted to move forward with the proposed Police Union Contract; Motion: Mr. Bergeron. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

- Mr. Pierce attended the Planning Board/Eversource Special Permit Hearing. Mr. Pierce advised that he expressed his opinion regarding past practices on the town's solar project. A lot of details still need to be worked through. No Eversource representatives were present at the meeting, only the developer for the project

#### Payroll Clerk Appointment

Ms. Patch advised that interviews for the Payroll Clerk position were conducted and that she and the Treasurer are recommending that Cynthia Caparoso be appointed to the position. Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to appoint Cynthia Caparoso as Payroll Clerk. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

#### FY18 Appointments of Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mr. Bergeron took the opportunity to publicly thank all members for their service to the town who volunteer to serve on these important groups. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to re-appoint all individuals as presented. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

*Note: List of Appointments incorporated in these minutes.*

Mr. Fydenkevez volunteered to serve as the FRCOG FY18 Representative and Mr. Pierce will serve as the Alternate member.

Roadside Mower agreement will a program all towns which to continue. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the Roadside Mower Agreement. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to enter into agreement with the State for the Green Communities Grant as awarded. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 3-0.

Mr. Bergeron also noted July 10, 2017 will be the meeting with the Police Association Representative regarding the contract signing.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator