

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2017
Sunderland Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch
Others: Brian Willette, B. Wozniakiewicz D. Van Dalsen, and members of the Order of the Purple Heart
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Brian Willette gave an overview and history of the Purple Heart and Purple Heart Community Program. Mr. Willette stated that the signs serve as a symbolic gesture and visual reminder to all who pass the signs of the sacrifices made. Sunderland will be the 90th community to become a Purple Heart Community. Mr. Pierce read the Purple Heart Proclamation. Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted 3-0. Mr. Willette presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the board for their support.

Note: Purple Heart Proclamation incorporated in these minutes.

FCAT Agreement for Services

Chris Collins met with the board to discuss FCAT PEG Services. Mr. Collins discussed changes resulting from Municipal Modernization in the way funds are handled. The Department of Revenue now requires that a special revenue fund or enterprise fund must be established and funds appropriated annually at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Collins stated that he has been discussing the need for an agreement between the town and FCAT with the Town Administrator. An agreement was drafted for the member towns by Wendy Foxmyn about a year ago. Mr. Collins recommended that the town enter into an individual agreement with FCAT at this time. Ms. Patch will work with Chris Collins and Town Counsel to draft an agreement for the board's review.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to approve the minutes dated 7/24/17 as presented. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

Mr. Pierce noted that a Dangerous Dog Hearing is scheduled for this Wednesday (8/9/17) at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Fydenkevez announced that the Town has received a \$10,000 grant from the state for the 300th Anniversary. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Senator Rosenburg and Rep. Kulik for their efforts on behalf the town.

Town Administrator Updates

Ms. Patch recommended that the award for the VOIP phone system and related infrastructure improvements be made to Valley Communications. Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to award the bid as recommended. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Appointment 300th Anniversary Committee

Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to appoint Amanda Hanley to the 300th Anniversary Committee.
Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Public Comment

Dan Van Dalsen noted that the benches in the Veterans Memorial park are in need of resurfacing and inquired if funds are available. Mr. Fydenkevez advised that there is \$2,500 in the Veterans' Memorial Ground Maintenance Fund and that there are a couple gallons of stain in the closet in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Van Dalsen stated that he would like to be involved in any conversations involving a driveway entrance near the Memorial. Mr. Van Dalsen stated that the intent of Memorial Park was to be of reflection and solitude.

FY 18 Fuel Bid Award

Motion: Mr. Fydenkevez to award the bids for diesel and gasoline as recommended by the Highway Superintendent. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Note: Diesel-Kieras Oil Inc. \$1.94 plus .24 per gal. MA road tax.

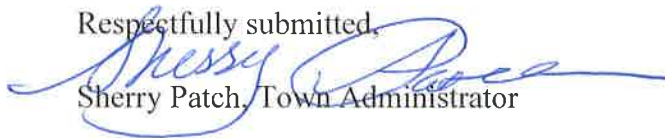
Gasoline- Dennis K. Burke: \$2.01 plus \$.2441 per gallon MA road tax.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch, Town Administrator



**Military Order
Of the
Purple Heart**



**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND, MA
PROCLAMATION
PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Sunderland have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22nd, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, the heritage it represents sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, We the Sunderland Board of Selectmen hereby proclaim Sunderland, Massachusetts a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nations wars; and

ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED, We the Town of Sunderland, Massachusetts will recognize August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of Sunderland to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.



