

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –October 19, 2009
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez and Mr. Wissemann

Others: Ms. Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski and Richie Wheeler

- Call to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Tax Rate-Herb Sanderson and Mary Ann Kowaleck notified the Board that the tax rate will be \$12.66 per thousand. Bills will be out on October 23rd and due November 23rd. Water rate is \$.50 per thousand. Mr. Sanderson-bills haven't changed much, even though rate has gone up \$.56/\$1,000. Property values have gone down somewhat. Bills can be paid online.
- FCAT Update-Marty McGuane stated that FCAT is moving forward. Lots of activity and a few ongoing projects. Looking at a variety of programming options. Taping H1N1 educational meetings, etc. Smith College has donated computers. Would hope that the 3 towns could increase the funding up to 50%. Met with Deerfield and Whately in September and both towns have approved the request. Looking for increase to annual contribution for operations. Interested in purchasing an Electronic Field Production Unit for FCAT's use. Total capital contribution from Sunderland would be \$5,540.40. Mr. Fydenkevez-Would like recommendation from STC. What is the existing integration between FCAT and member communities? Hasn't seen enough new programming yet. How are FCAT & member towns' resources being pooled? Mr. McGuane-FCAT has gotten used equipment from Sunderland and Deerfield. Whately only has EFPU-no studio equipment. Interest is being generated with locally produced programming. Difference between Ch. 15 in towns and FCAT, is Ch. 15 is designed for government use, and FCAT is available to everyone. Mr. McGuane's focus has been to work with Frontier Regional to get the kids involved. Ongoing effort to dovetail in community. Difficult to get people to step up, but primary focus is to get the ball rolling. Trying to come up with ideas to build the effort. Mr. Fydenkevez-Director was to help towns expand to educational programming by bringing high school in. Not addressing how to integrate with local towns. Mr. McGuane-Has worked on H1N1. Has worked with COAs. A local access station is like a library-a repository of what towns need. Mr. Fydenkevez-Would like to know how FCAT's expertise and involvement has helped the towns. Discussion regarding source of funding for FCAT. Mr. Bergeron-Was under the impression early on that FCAT would operate under an assessment based system, but instead it is using a revenue-based system (50% number). Discussion regarding Conway's use of FCAT service, but lack of involvement in contributions to FCAT, as Conway has chosen not to participate in current contract. Mr. Bergeron-Three towns are picking up tab for Conway. Mr. McGuane-Conway will have new contract in March 2010, so would only be a period of a few months before Conway's new contract is executed. Mr. Fydenkevez-feels strongly that FCAT was supposed to be working for all three towns. Thought Frontier had its own facility. Reference to FCAT's operating expenses, i.e. rent, phone, etc. Mr. McGuane-Frontier didn't have space available at the school. All sorts of other issues surrounding access programming at the school building. Discussion regarding STC meeting the 1st Tuesday in November and STC recommendation. Mr. Bergeron-Message should go from town to FCAT Board of Directors to reiterate Town's position and expectations.
- Recreation Committee-Mr. Bergeron gave overview of budget reductions. Jim Ewen-Looking at \$5.00 fee increase for youth programs and \$10.00 annual adult program fee increase. Have generated approx. \$500.00 increased fees this fall. Looking at approx. \$1,000 fee increase for the year. Looking at holding fundraisers in the community. Initial thought was to up hours in fall and basketball season, then drop back hours in the spring. The increase in hours brings recreation closer to where they feel they need to be. Particularly important during basketball season. Want to try to maintain levels for the coming year. Mr. Fydenkevez has talked with other towns about coordination among coordinators. Mr. Ewen-Town coordinators get together about 3 times a year to coordinate. Sunderland is doing a volleyball program for girls in grades 4, 5 and 6 and Deerfield is doing a field hockey program for girls in grades 4, 5 & 6. Sunderland offers Yoga and Deerfield offers Pilates. Mr. Ewen-Critical program is baseball and Sunderland youth baseball should follow the recreation concept. Three towns out of 5 didn't have a major league team this year. Discussion regarding pooling programs together to ensure involvement for kids. Mr. Fydenkevez-Opportunity may exist for senior citizen recreation programs. Mr. Ewen-Would be interested in looking at additional potential programs. May be looking at need to pool with other recreation programs. Other activities are


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- taking kids away from rec. programs. Discussion regarding funding the hours needed, particularly through the busy season. Mr. Ewen-Hoping to have a transition year. This budget situation challenges the committee to look at everything. Mr. Fydenkevez – Given the reductions in all town services and possible further reductions, the town may be forced to reduce recreation funding more so than other essential town services. Discussion regarding recreation committee raising funds to be more self-sufficient. Discussion regarding funding the Director's salary. Mr. Fydenkevez-board vote not required but should offer counsel to rec. committee. Also advise talking with Herb. Motion to accept recommendation of Recreation Committee to increase Director's hours to 15 hours per week for remainder of this fiscal year, additional hours to be funded from Recreation Revolving by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Fall Festival-Letter to be sent to Fall Festival committee to thank them. Thank you letter to UMASS for calves for cow plop contest. Mr. Wissemann-Received positive feedback. Discussion regarding layout, vendor placement, etc. Cow plop contest was successful. Mr. Fydenkevez-Has heard suggestion that festival go to 5 pm next year. Signs drew people in. Banner across road for next year should be priority. Discussion regarding community participation and involvement. Mr. Wissemann-thanks to Bergeron Electric for the time and work. Fall Festival Committee will meet Thursday to review.
 - October 5, 2009 Minutes- Motion by Mr. Wissemann to accept October 5, 2009 minutes, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - October 14, 2009 Minutes-Motion to accept October 14, 2009 minutes by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
 - State Police MOU-Mr. Bergeron-Overview of local fire departments' potential involvement in dispatching for burning permits on weekends. MOU Paragraph 14 read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding 30 days notice of changes, and pressure on towns to make accommodations in such a short time. Move forward with protocol for calls to Shelburne dispatch. Need input from Chiefs to identify non-"core" services provided by dispatch. Motion to accept MOU by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
 - Highway Superintendent-New Highway Superintendent begins Oct. 26th. Discussion regarding Snow and Ice Policy. Motion to appoint George Emery as Highway Superintendent effective Oct. 26, 2009 through current appointment cycle by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Special State Primary Warrant-Motion to sign Special State Primary Warrant for US Senator by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
 - Street Light Elimination-Board has discussed this over the past few meetings. Public Safety review has been done three times. Per Ken Garber of WMECO - WMECO is not offering an option for residents to pay directly for municipal street lights. Suggests that residents may choose to install lamp posts on their own property. Motion to eliminate 30 street lights (attached) per Sergeant Lyons' latest recommendations by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding budget situation and need to prioritize street list eliminations. Vote 3-0.
 - Personnel Committee Appointment-Motion to appoint Donna McKemie to the Personnel Committee for remainder of appointment cycle by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Thanks to Donna. Vote 3-0.
 - Reminders-Mr. Bergeron-Flu Forum this Thursday, 7:00pm at Frontier Regional Auditorium. Town continues to discuss and follow H1N1 vaccine availability. Will provide information as Town receives it.
 - Squire Village Plaza/Cliffside Traffic Light Installation- Mr. Wissemann - Ask Chief for Police Department to be out there with more frequency for the first couple of weeks at least.
 - International Day of climate Action this Saturday.
 - Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Nartowicz
Town Administrator

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

Street	Pole Number
YELLOW INDICATES LIGHT ELIMINATION	
10.19.09 / REVIEWED 10.28.09	
Amherst Road	39/2
Amherst Road	39/26
Amherst Road	39/28
Amherst Road	39/30
Amherst Road	39/31
Amherst Road	39/32
Amherst Road	39/33
Amherst Road	39/34
Amherst Road	39/35
Amherst Road	39/35-11ML
Amherst Road	39/36
Amherst Road	39/37M
Amherst Road	39/38
Amherst Road	39/39
Amherst Road	39/4
Amherst Road	39/53
Amherst Road	39/6
Amherst Road	39/81
Bridge Street	3/2-
Bridge Street	3/4-
Clark Mountain Road	7/1-
Garage Road	11/9-
Hadley Road	15/10
Hadley Road	15/15
Hadley Road	15/30
Hadley Road	15/43
Hadley Road	15/55
Hadley Road	15/84
Hadley Road	15/86
Montague Road	22/10
Montague Road	22/14
Montague Road	22/17
Montague Road	22/21
Montague Road	22/26
Montague Road	22/33
North Main Street	19/23
North Main Street	19/25
North Main Street	19/30
North Main Street	19/36
North Main Street	19/43
North Main Street	19/49
North Main Street	19/83
North Plain Road	50/2
North Silver Lane	69/101
North Silver Lane	69/105
North Silver Lane	69/109
North Silver Lane	69/111
North Silver Lane	69/114

North Silver Lane	69/82
North Silver Lane	69/86M
North Silver Lane	69/90
North Silver Lane	69/98
Old Amherst Road	1/16-
Old Amherst Road	1/20-
Old Amherst Road	1/27-
Old Amherst Road	1/3-
Old Amherst Road	36/73-1
Plumtree Road	28/2
Plumtree Road	28/39
Plumtree Road	28/54
Plumtree Road	28/8
Potyrata Cross Road	80/4
Reservoir Road	32/2
Reservoir Road	32/4M
River Road	33/13
River Road	33/49
River Road	33/5
River Road	33/51
River Road	33/9
Russell Street	34/4
Russell Street	34/50
Russell Street	34/60
Russell Street	34/78
Russell Street	34/82
South Main Street	37/13
South Main Street	37/16
South Main Street	37/19
South Main Street	37/20
South Main Street	37/4
South Main Street	37/7
South Main Street	37/E1
School Street	35/2-1AL
School Street	35/3
School Street	35/6
Silver Lane	36/13
Silver Lane	36/2
Silver Lane	36/24
Silver Lane	36/33
Silver Lane	36/65
Silver Lane	36/72