

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –November 2, 2009  
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Ms. Nartowicz**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

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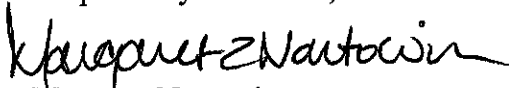
- Call to order at 7:06 p.m.
- SEPT-Seasonal Flu Clinic update- Mr. Bergeron-Reminder Seasonal Flu Clinic-Standard flu vaccines-Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9am-12noon. Deerfield Town Offices.
- Common Victualler License Transfer-7-11, 295 Amherst Road. Daljinder Mann-glad to be opening in Sunderland-looking forward to operating the business. Discussion regarding liquor license process. Mr. Fydenkevez-Franklin County Tobacco Control Program does periodic tobacco stings and ABCC does alcohol stings occasionally. Discussion regarding staff training. Motion to approve application for Common Victualler License through 12/31/09 by Mr. Wissemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Brush Pile Update-Mr. Bergeron-Thanks to Donna McKemie for volunteering at brush pile on Saturday. Another brush pile Saturday this week 10am-1pm. Albie Koblinski has volunteered to staff it. Discussion regarding adding another Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> for 3 hours. Mr. Fydenkevez-Clarification that volunteers are unpaid. Discussion regarding brush pile operations and availability to residents.
- Minutes of October 26, 2009-Mr. Bergeron-Send minutes to attendees of “Obstacles and Opportunities” meeting. Motion to accept October 26, 2009 minutes by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Reception for Highway Superintendent-Mr. Bergeron-thanks to Woman’s Club and Library Trustees for putting on welcome reception for George Emery. Mr. Fydenkevez-Suggest department heads and residents get together on occasion to talk about concerns, etc.
- Permanent Building Committee (PBC)-Mr. Bergeron-PBC buildings tour on Saturday. Went well.
- Bus Stops-Ms. Nartowicz and Highway Superintendent George Emery to meet with MassHighway representative next week to discuss Route 47 road markings and signage for bus stop safety.
- Traffic Light (Squire Village Plaza)-Discussion regarding feedback and observations. Very positive comments so far. Mr. Fydenkevez-Heard comment that flashing pedestrian signal should remain active even after permanent lights are in.
- Elimination of Street Lights-Mr. Bergeron-Street light reduction is effective tonight. Police Department should review the final list now that lights are off.
- Working “Collaboration” group-Working “collaboration” group should be formed to move ideas forward. Get list of volunteers and town representatives put together to form working group; about 6-7 members.
- Room Rental Policy-Bring back to Board on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Revenue Meeting-Mr. Bergeron-Revenue meeting was held prior to Board of Selectmen meeting. Governor’s reports that aid to cities and towns and Ch. 70 aid are being held harmless, are not accurate. Many other pieces of State aid are being cut. Estimated \$40,000 mid-year reduction coming. Letter has been sent to departments, boards, and committees regarding FY11 budgets coming in at less than 2.5% increase. Mr. Fydenkevez-That can’t apply. Must come in with approximately 20% budget reductions. Discussion regarding cuts to regional school transportation as opposed to Ch. 70. Another hit in Special Education and Charter School reimbursements. Mr. Fydenkevez-PILOT cuts are absolutely a form of local aid. Correspondence to departments, boards and committees must be updated to reflect 10% lower budgets than Final FY10 values. Incorporate revenue projections. Discussion regarding Quinn reductions. Mr. Wissemann-Town fully intended to pay only its 50% when town vote was taken and contract was executed. Discussion regarding certification for teachers mandated by State. Mr. Fydenkevez-Need to start looking seriously at State dictates, and start challenging them. Mr. Bergeron-Board of Selectmen will keep residents, departments, boards, and committees informed. Mr. Fydenkevez-Wholeheartedly disagree with Governor and his staff who seem to believe that schools are separate from their Towns, and that other education aid cuts won’t hurt.



- Veterans' Day Observance-Mr. Bergeron-Sunderland Elementary School grades 4, 5, and 6 classes will come to Veterans' Memorial on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- TRIAD-Mr. Fydenkevez-Attended TRIAD spaghetti supper in South Deerfield. Senior residents who aren't already being contacted by TRIAD should contact Board of Selectmen office for information. Town Clerk's office has informational brochures. TRIAD can assist with various safety and wellness issues.
- Reminder-Seasonal Flu Clinic on Saturday at Deerfield Town Offices, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Energy Updates-Ms. Nartowicz-WMECO Solar Program announcement and EECBG grant writing assistance. Mr. Fydenkevez-PV installation could serve as educational opportunity, especially if located at the Sunderland Elementary School site.
- Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Nartowicz  
Town Administrator

