

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 21, 2009

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 6:35 p.m.
- Moment of silence for Bill Connelly.
- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of the agenda. Mr. Fydenkevez-Community is about all the little that make it what it is. Reminder a couple of openings on Council of Aging. Event at Senior Center yesterday. Reminder to Sunderland Seniors that the center is there and PVTA tickets can be purchased from the Board of Selectmen's office at discounted rate.
- **Special Town Meeting Motions**
 - Article 1-Unpaid Bills-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 2-Close Sugarbush Account-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 3-Police Retro-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding Quinn bill. Mr. Fydenkevez-Need to discuss all positions with career incentives, rather than just a segment, i.e. teacher degree requirements, etc. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 4-Public Safety Complex Sewer Pumps-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 5-Snow and Ice Deficit-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Motion to amend to \$11,615.46 and \$79,430.20 by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.** Motion to vote as amended by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.** Discussion regarding FEMA/MEMA.
 - Article 6-Legal Expenses-Sugarbush-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding 40B requirements, cost to Town and work done by town officials, board and committees. **Vote 3-0.**
- **Annual Town Meeting Motions**
 - Article 1-Reports of Boards and Committees-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.** Discussion regarding presenting reports to Town Meeting. No recommendation required.
 - Article 2-Elected Officials Salaries- Discussion regarding elected officials salaries tied to budget. Motion to table Article 2 by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 3-Budget Article-Motion to table Article 3 by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 4-Tax Exemption-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 5-Tax Exemption-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 6-Tax Exemption-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 7-Tax Exemption-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 8-Tax Deferral-Motion to support by M. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 9-Volume III History-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Article 10-Transfer to Stabilization-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Sewer Connection-131 Silver Lane-discussion regarding retaining documentation. Mr. Fydenkevez-Request that agreement be kept with minutes. Motion to enter into license agreement with Tim Wilcox and Caroline Pam for sewer connection to 131 Silver Lane by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- **Annual Town Meeting Motions (continued)**
 - Article 11-Zoning Bylaw Amendments-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**

- Article 12-“Right to Farm” Bylaw-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.** Mr. Wissemann to do talking points.
- Article 13-CPA Acceptance-Mr. Wissemann-CPAAC met last week to discuss Articles 13 and 14. Overview of process - acceptance at town meeting and election. CPAAC recommends waiting until next year’s town meeting to present CPC bylaw. Mr. Fydenkevez-Questioning where State government commitments are going. Mr. Bergeron-Some concern about Board of Selectmen non-involvement in discussion on establishment of surcharge and exemptions. Discussion regarding presenting to town meeting. Motion by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 2-1.**
- Article 14-CPAAC recommending withdrawal. Motion to withdraw Article 14 by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 15-Capital Stabilization-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding establishment and use of fund; definition of capital. Mr. Wissemann-Definition and policy are critical. Discussion regarding use of stabilization, capital planning and capital schedules. Discussion regarding extraordinary maintenance contingency and capital stabilization. **Vote 2-1.**
- Article 16- Motion to transfer \$25,000 from Stabilization to Capital Stabilization by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Discussion regarding creating special Stabilization Fund. Mr. Wissemann- Would be for dedicated use. Mr. Bergeron-Could be perceived as moving money “inside the columns”. Mr. Fydenkevez-Need to put dependable sum of money in it. Discussion regarding \$150,000 in FinCom budget for Capital Stabilization, and programmatic approach to capital funding. Mr. Fydenkevez-Capital has to be funded one way or another. Town needs to depend on itself rather than on the State. Discussion regarding controlled expense growth and declining State funding commitments. Discussion regarding override for capital stabilization. Motion to amend to include \$100,000 Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. **Vote 3-0.** Motion on amended motion by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 17-Compensatory Balance Agreements-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.** May become consent article.
- Article 18-Demand Fees-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 19-40B Legal and consulting-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd Mr. Bergeron. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 20-Ambulance Laptop-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 21-RAS Pumps WWTP-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 22-Bullet Proof Vests-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 23-Non Criminal Disposition Bylaw-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding local disposition of fees. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 24-Marijuana Bylaw-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 25-False Alarms-Motion to support by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Article 26-Noise Bylaw Amendment-Motion to support by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. **Vote 3-0.**
- Articles 27-32-Consent Articles-Motion to support by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. **Vote 3-0.**
- Overview of voted motions. Discussion regarding June 12, 2009 for adjourned Annual Town Meeting.
- Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator