

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 22, 2009**

**SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

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- Call to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Public Hearing for Extension of Premises Application –Deak Tiley filed an application for Bub’s Bar-B-Q. Mr. Wissemann recused himself from the public hearing due to potential conflict. Mr. Tiley stated that they’ve completed relocating leach field, and a fence now surrounds the outdoor area which can be constantly monitored from the grill area inside the restaurant. Police Chief has provided recommendation to allow the extension. **Motion to approve Extension of Premises Application by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.** Ms. Nartowicz to contact ABCC for approval timeline.
- April 13, 2009 minutes-Mr. Fydenkevez reiterated that the Deerfield Board of Selectmen had voted to support Sunderland’s request to reopen teachers’ contract. When any elected Board member makes a motion, it should be voted on to include in the record. Members of the Sunderland Board appreciate the importance of a motion and vote, and the process. April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes to come back to Board with revised first paragraph.
- April 14, 2009 minutes-**Motion to accept April 14, 2009 minutes by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.**
- Town Meeting Documents – Mr. Bergeron would like to convey some graphs and the Gap Analysis to town meeting during ATM Article 1. Gap Analysis shows State’s negative adjustments totaling \$316,584. Review of revenues. Mr. Fydenkevez suggests bundling all locally derived revenues and all state derived revenues on FY10 Revenues pie chart. Historical Revenues should also be shown on a graph. Total FY10 Expense Growth value should be shown on pie chart. Discussion regarding usefulness of charts. Mr. Fydenkevez had a recent discussion with a resident about residents’ inability to afford an override, and the resident’s opinion that the Town should have had overrides in previous years. Questions how residents could have afforded previous overrides? Town has tried to stay away from overrides and has tried to show restraint in expense growth. The Board has come to the Town every year with responsible budgets that maintain Town services. It’s not about what’s in it for me, it’s about what’s in it for *us*. Heard this resident’s concerns about having no “plan”, but services *are* in place and residents have voted for what they want year on year. Discussion regarding scenario in the event of a failed override, or no override. Mr. Bergeron stated that the Town has assessments that remain insulated by law even with a failed override, leaving the burden on the Town. Mr. Wissemann – Assessments are a piece of the budget which cannot be touched. The override is to protect/retain current local services. Mr. Bergeron-The Town has made several adjustments to save money while preserving services. Town Meeting will see the Board’s list of some cost saving measures.
- Sunderland Women’s Club-Donations to Town History Volume III, Veterans’ Memorial Fund, Sunderland Public Library and Senior Center Transportation Fund. **Motion to accept with appreciation Mr. Fydenkevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.**

Reminder – Town Meeting this Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Wissemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator