

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –May 18, 2009  
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Absent: Mr. Fydenkevez**

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski and Kevin Gates**

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- Call to order at 7:17 p.m.
- Brush Pile- Mr. Bergeron-Inappropriate material dumped at the Town Brush Pile. Mr. Wissemann-Brush pile is not a service that has to be provided. Service should be used properly.
- FY10 Budget-Mr. Bergeron-Another drop in State aid. Senate is debating budget this week. Overview of budget gap (chart). Budget being presented to the Town has level services. Discussion has to focus on service levels and impact on the Town. Difference in the last 4 days has meant another \$30,000 drop in State aid. Mr. Wissemann-The presented budget only supports the status-quo. Town has worked hard at finding cost savings and efficiencies. Many departments have gone without growth for several budget cycles. Override is simply to maintain level services. Mr. Bergeron-In 6 weeks, the loss in aid has amounted to over \$100,000. Town Speak-Out is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on town services, and the value of the services. Feedback is important for June 12<sup>th</sup> ATM session at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunderland Elementary School. Ballot (override) will be developed based on outcome of that session. Mr. Bergeron-Overview of town meeting/override timeline. Important for boards and commissions to work together through the process.
- Fire Department-EMS week May 17-23. Declaration read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann.
- Overview of Annual Town Meeting (ATM) articles yet to be addressed. Articles 2, 3, 15, 16 and 22. Budget discussion will be very important. Franklin County Technical School (FCTS)-FCTS is about to reopen teacher negotiations. Mr. Bergeron is serving as municipal rep. Reminders-Memorial Day Parade will be Friday, May 22, 2009. Town Offices closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Warrant by signature

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator