

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –May 26, 2009

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Wissemann

Absent: Mr. Fydenkevez

Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 6:44 p.m.
- Moment of Silence for Louis Yurkevich, Phyllis Mitchkoski, and Barbara Skibiski.
- Mr. Bergeron-Thanks to all for participation in Memorial Day Parade.
- May 12, 2009 Minutes-Hold for full Board vote.
- May 18, 2009 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Wissemann to approve May 18, 2009, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.
- Budget-Mr. Bergeron gave overview of State Budget picture. The Town's expense budgets are formulated. Finance committee budget includes Capital Stabilization piece. Budget Gap Analysis overview. FY10 State adjustments to education account for approximately \$160,000 more in costs to Sunderland than in FY09. Overview of State Aid reductions and remaining pieces of budget gap. Mr. Wissemann- State's minimum contribution adjustment to education is a huge hit. Would have mitigated Town's situation if adjustments were made gradually over the course of more than one year. Mr. Bergeron-Speak Out this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Town Park. Town meeting provides a framework for discussion. This will be a respectful, open discussion. Mr. Wissemann-Need to have frank discussion so people completely understand the Town's situation. Expects more ominous information from the State. Mr. Bergeron-Overview of types of overrides. Board of Selectmen has voted to have a single override question. Important to reaffirm why this type of override was chosen and why this process is being followed. Mr. Wissemann-Discussion should include why this type of override at this level is important. Committed to bringing a budget forward that maintains services at the level the town needs. Town has tried many ways to save money and find efficiencies. Town residents seem to like the services they get. Most of budget gap is beyond the Town's control. Important to bring forth a number that supports the Town services we have. Pyramid approach is defeatist. Allow people to vote if they want current level of Town services. Mr. Bergeron-Overview of tax impact for different override levels. Graphs will be put on Channel 15.
- Energy Performance Contract-Recommendations from Permanent Building Committee and Energy Committee. Mr. Bergeron-Investment Grade Audit is next in EPC process. PBC minutes will be voted soon - recommendation will be to move forward. Correspondence to School Committee to get Sunderland Elementary School committed to moving forward. Bringing back to next Board of Selectmen's meeting. Town has locked in prices for gasoline, diesel and heating oil for FY10. Ms. Nartowicz to check on county bids for road salt.
- Community Development Strategy-Public Hearing June 1st. Discussion regarding town goals.
- Town Brush Pile-Mr. Wissemann-Lingering concerns regarding improper dumping at Town's brush pile. Board has discussed trying to limit access, monitoring disposal, etc. Considering Bull Hill pit. Limited access to that pit with gate. Someone would have to work during hours brush pit is open (Saturdays mornings, occasionally?) Already paying highway employees to haul brush to Bull Hill. Why not have people dispose of it right there? May see decrease in volume. Need to have it in an area which can be policed. Talk to Chip and bring back to Board of Selectmen on June 15th.
- Invitation for Saturday's public discussion about town services, future of the town. Discussion regarding televising event. Mr. Wissemann-People shouldn't be hesitant about speaking honestly. Discussion regarding camera being in fixed position, as in FCTS regionalization forum.
- Warrant by signature

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, and 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator