

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –June 1, 2009

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Rt. 47 Scenic Turnout-Beth Giannini from Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)-Design is being finalized by Stantec. Permits have all been issued. FRCOG will do 2 RFPs: one for tree pruning and one for construction of turnout. Information kiosk to be in theme of Connecticut River Scenic Byway. Overview of information to be included. Linda Lopatka, Historical Commission-Grant has been received from Mass. Humanities on historical aspect of North Sunderland. Historical Commission may be able to provide some pictures. FRCOG wants to include Town Seal with other State agency logos. Board of Selectmen will keep kiosk information to review, and will receive a copy of the final plan. Discussion regarding tree pruning and removal of vegetation.
- Public Hearing-Transfer of alcohol license. Bub's BBQ. Deac Tiley transferring from father's name to Deac's name. Discussion regarding license suspension (held in abeyance) and transfer of license during time period after violation. Discussion regarding incorporating in Town policies for alcohol license violations, time period for violations and framing policy from ABCC regulations. Mr. Fydenkevez-Must comply with law. Mr. Tiley is just waiting for corporation certificate from Secretary of State. Procedure update for next Monday. Motion to authorize transfer of alcohol license from Howard H. Tiley, Bub's BBQ to Bub's Bar-B-Q, Inc., for discussion by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Wissemann. Mr. Fydenkevez-Thanks to the owner for the upgrades. They look very nice. Vote 3-0. Hearing closed at 7:40pm. Mr. Fydenkevez-Board welcomes businesses to come to Board's meetings to introduce themselves and talk for a moment about their business.
- Community Development Strategy-Public Hearing called to order 7:41pm. Will Snyder-Sunderland has a lot to offer in line with Sustainable Development Principles. Mr. Fydenkevez-Look at adding reconstruction of sidewalks on North and South Main Street in Strategic Action Plan. There have been suggestions about installing sidewalks in Plumtree Road/Silver Lane area; Russell Street also. Mr. Fydenkevez-There have been calls for bicycle access on Rt. 47 north. Mr. Wissemann-May not need sidewalks on rural streets like Russell or North Plain. Mr. Bergeron-Town needs to ensure Strategic Action Plan priorities. Discussion regarding energy projects. Mr. Bergeron-Encourage people to take a look at CDS and provide comments in next couple of weeks. Mr. Fydenkevez-Senior Housing, North Main Street storm drain system, sewer extension for economic development important to include and prioritize. Update plan and bring back for end of June.
- May 12, 2009 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- May 26, 2009 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Wissemann to approve, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Discussion regarding brush pile issue-Ms. Nartowicz reported that plan is moving forward.
- Public Speak Out-Mr. Bergeron-Overview of Saturday's public discussion. Mr. Fydenkevez-glad people came. Hoped there were more attendees. Need to remember that budget is voted on at town meeting, so changes to budget could theoretically be made there. Board can say that services will be cut, but town meeting makes the final decision. Hopes there's real discussion at town meeting. Discussion regarding hesitancy to be in front of cameras. Mr. Wissemann-goal was for people to participate. Override tends to become polarizing issue. Didn't feel that whole breadth of opinions were spoken. Hopes that those concerned with override will speak at town meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez-Thanks to Donna Rowe for facilitating discussion. Hopes that residents see town officials' respect for each other. Mr. Bergeron-Steve Kulik was also present and spoke about state budget issues. Discussion regarding small community and personal interaction between residents. Discussion regarding Local Aid funding, budget cost containment. Mr. Wissemann-Regionalization will ultimately be needed at least with some town services. Mr. Bergeron-What does Board of Selectmen feel about presenting potential losses in failed override. Mr. Wissemann-Obvious that failed override will result in staff and service reductions. Mr. Bergeron-Not sure that with the magnitude we're

talking about, the current list would touch what the reality would be. Discussion regarding level of cuts. Mr. Bergeron-Overview of operating budget growth. Mr. Fydenkevez-Doesn't have problem putting out reductions, but must convey extent of reductions. Discussion regarding layoffs at Sunderland Elementary School and value of aides. Discussion regarding what to put out for actual numbers/reductions. Mr. Wissemann-Need to put energy into presenting budget to protect services and passing override for it. Mr. Fydenkevez-We have always been honest with residents. Tax bills for the most part have remained pretty steady. If this override level doesn't pass, there will be devastating across the board cuts. People should know what they are. Discussion regarding impacts of failed override. Put numbers to the cuts by next Monday.

- Energy Performance Contracting Update. Letter to school committee for vote of support.
- Volume III Steering Committee Donation Fund-Motion to establish volume III fund by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- FY10 Board of Selectmen Appointments-Names read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. (See Attached List)- Motion made by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Reminders-ATM, June 12th, 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron-Thanks to Steve Kulik, Donna Rowe, Sunderland Telecommunications, and people who took time to attend on Saturday. Overview of dates for override and town meeting.
- Warrant by signature

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fydenkevez, and 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator