

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –June 22, 2009

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Executive Session-Mr. Bergeron announced that the Board of Selectmen would enter into an executive session under C.39 § 23B ¶2. Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to enter into executive session and return to open session after executive session, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Roll call vote to enter into executive session Mr. Fydenkevez-yes, Mr. Wissemann-yes, Mr. Bergeron-yes.
- Reentered open session at 7:34pm
- Telecommunication Request for two camcorders (field operations). One year warranty. Unanimous vote for recommendation by Sunderland Telecommunication Committee (STC). Mr. Zimnowski-Frontier technician and volunteer students filmed graduation ceremony using STC equipment. “Digital onto tape backup” cameras. Discussion regarding technology and compatible formats. Motion to authorize STC to purchase replacement equipment from B&H photo \$4,801.89. Discussion regarding audio quality at town meeting and decorum/dialogue at town meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez-Thanks to all who attended and those who spoke up at town meeting.
- Special Town Meeting (STM) timelines-Discussion regarding calling and conducting a special. Mr. Fydenkevez and Mr. Wissemann-Calling a STM can wait until after election.
- June 8, 2009 Minutes-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to approve, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- June 12, 2009 Minutes-Motion by to approve by Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Alcohol License Violations Procedure-Discussion regarding modification to attach violations to license holder. Motion to amend procedure by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Cultural Council Appointments/Annual Appointments Roster read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to appoint Julie Jacque and Barbara Howey to the Cultural Council and annual appointments as read by the Clerk. Vote 3-0. Town Administrator to post and advertise for Highway Superintendent position.
- Override and Town Meeting overview-Absentee ballots are available. Wendy Houle, Town Clerk-Review of absentee ballot process. Last day to register to vote for Special Town election, Monday, June 29, 2009. Last day to apply for absentee ballot, Friday, July 17th at noon. Ballots must be received by Election Day.
- Special Town Election Warrant read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Motion to sign warrant by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0. Discussion regarding override value, state revenue, federal stimulus offsets to education, fundamental change in services.
- Franklin County Selectmen’s Association-Overview of Selectmen’s Association’s meeting regarding State revenues.
- FY10 Spending Freeze-Reinforce to departments that spending freeze stays on at start of FY10 until budget is balanced.
- MOU-Sludge Hauling-Motion to sign Franklin County Solid Waste Management District MOU for sludge hauling by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Catch Basin and Oil Water Separator Service Agreement-Motion to approve Western Mass Environmental catch basin and oil water separator cleaning agreement by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- UMASS Transit-Motion to enter in to agreement with UMASS transit by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- ESCO Update-Letter from Union #38 Superintendent of School Committee’s vote to support Investment Grade Audit. PBC has voted to support the IGA contract. Board wants to proceed with IGA contract.

- Septage Fees-Mr. Fydenkevez-Ask Mr. Brynda to come up with proposal to not restrict septage disposal and to determine what capacity WWTP can handle. Motion to raise septage fees by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Board of Selectmen Summer Schedule-Motion to adopt summer schedule by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Appropriation Transfers-Motion to approve five transfers by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Reminders-CDS Hearing next week. Special Town Election July 18, 2009
- Warrant by signature

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, and 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator