

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –September 21, 2009  
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Absent: Mr. Fydenkevez**

**Others: Ms. Nartowicz**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski**

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- Call to order at 6:39 p.m.
- Executive Session-Mr. Bergeron announced that the Board of Selectmen would enter into an executive session under C.39 § 23B ¶3. Motion by Mr. Wissemann to enter into executive session and return to open session after executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Roll call vote to enter into executive session, Mr. Wissemann-yes, Mr. Bergeron-yes. Will return to open session.
- Re-entered open session at 7:10pm
- Street Light Elimination-Chief Gilbert-Sgt. Lyons did inventory of lights for elimination. Chief and Sergeant didn't see any safety issues with proposed eliminations. No proposed eliminations on Rt. 116. Total of 30 street lights to be eliminated. Mr. Bergeron-Eliminations represent 30% of all street lights in town. Use website, Connect CTY, Channel 15 and press release to notify residents. Mr. Wissemann made a motion to eliminate lights per Police Department recommendation (list attached to minutes), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Eliminations effective Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Snow and Ice Policy-Mr. Bergeron gave overview of policy. Town Administrator to get it to Police Department for review. Over next two weeks, continue to review policy. Highway Superintendent interviews tomorrow evening. Chief Gilbert would like notification of snow days from school superintendent.
- State Police MOU-Massachusetts State Police (MSP) looking to amend one paragraph which may impact dispatch services. Mr. Bergeron-Would like written notice from MSP. Chief Gilbert- budget reductions shouldn't affect dispatch services for emergencies. Ms. Nartowicz will check with MSP on dispatch services. Mr. Bergeron-Postpone action to October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Police Department Copier Lease Contract-Motion to authorize entering lease agreement by Mr. Wissemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0.
- Route 116 Public Forum-Mr. Bergeron-Reminder of Route 116 public forum October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Bruch Pile/Compost-Volunteers are available to staff area, maybe one Saturday per month. See about getting area staffed for two Saturdays/month. Four hour block. Through end of Nov. or when snow comes. Ms. Nartowicz will schedule for next week. Maybe reopen area April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sugarbush Estates Discussion-Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of discussion with applicant. With complexity of issue, would like all 3 board members present to sign Town's position statement. Statement read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Mr. Bergeron-Put on Board's 9/22/09 agenda.
- Town Administrator Contract-Mr. Bergeron would like full slate of members present for vote.
- Route 47 Scenic Turnout-Update on project. Area is closed-off for construction. Project is expected to be completed by October 30. Mr. Bergeron-Residents should contact Board of Selectmen office if any have concerns.
- Library Waiver Letter of Support-Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of budget impacts to library and affect on state required municipal funding. Board to sign letter at 9/22/09 meeting.
- Town Clerk Updates-Ms. Houle-State Auditor supports Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc. request that State pays full cost of special election and primary. State is looking to impose surcharge on dog licenses. Discussion regarding impacts to town. Discussion regarding regional flu clinic and vaccinations. Mr. Bergeron-Important to pay attention to information about flu and H1N1.

- Public Comment-Larry Pion-Concerned about children's' safety at Route 47 bus stop near Hepburn Dive. Hoping that bus can turn into Hepburn and pick up children there, rather than Route 47. If they cannot get the change, they would like to affect changes to make Route 47 safer. Mr. Bergeron-Need to look at other areas of concern (bus stops). Bundle them in Board of Selectmen letter to school administrator and school committee (Claybrook, bus turning into Route 47 from Hadley Road, etc.). Bus routes designed by Business Manager and bus company. Also follow-up with Chief to have him look at all stops. Mr. Bergeron-Bus safety and winter plowing could tie-in. Mr. Pion-Update on start of school year/donation fund to bring back music and art.
- Reminders-Tomorrow evening 6:00 p.m. Selectmen's meeting – Highway Superintendent interviews; Public Forum (Rt. 116 Crosswalk safety issues)-Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival.
- Warrant by signature. Correspondence to sign.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Nartowicz  
Town Administrator