

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 11, 2011

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

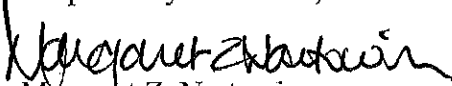
Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Personnel Committee Recommendations-DRAFT Sick Leave Bank Policy-Mr. Pierce gave an overview of the recommended policy. Discussion regarding qualifications unfunded liabilities. Sick leave would accrue by hours; not value. Bylaw recommendations-Amendments to Vacation bylaw has been removed from list. Discussion regarding Sick Leave Bank policy vs. existing bylaws which allow Board of Selectmen to award added sick leave. Board of Selectmen to review for next week.
- Sewer Commissioners-Hearing at 7:30 p.m. for sewer connection at 250 North Main St. (Map 5, Lot 139). Need to amend bylaws to include map/site plan. Mr. Fydenkevez-add requirement for flowable fill to permit and include Highway Superintendents' recommendation. Motion to accept by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Class II License Request-Nathan Santerre-223 North Silver Lane. Public Hearing called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. Fydenkevez. Legal notice read by Clerk, Mr. Pierce. Overview of request by Mr. Santerre. Mr. Pierce-need to ensure no vehicles on residential premises. Mr. Santerre stated that Class II is required to get into private auctions. Home Occupation bylaw read by Mr. Fydenkevez. Building Commissioner's correspondence indicates Class II is a prohibited use in VR/RR district. Discussion regarding bylaws being in conflict with technology updates and current business practices. Mr. Bergeron-Motion to grant Class II with stipulation that no vehicles associated with the business and no vehicle repairs shall be located on the premises. Mr. Pierce-Recommend including Home Occupation restrictions to the Class II license, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez-Request Planning Board to look at internet sales. Class II license will be signed and issued next Tuesday.
- April 4, 2011 Minutes-Motion to accept minutes of April 4, 2011, by Mr. Bergeron by, 2nd by Mr. Pierce Vote 3-0.
- FY12 Budget/Revenues-Mr. Fydenkevez gave overview of override questions, budget growth, and revenue shortfall. Mr. Bergeron noted the federal "jobs" grant applied to FY12 Sunderland Elementary School (SES) budget will result in \$50,000 being on the budget next year. Doug Fulton-SES Committee and administration believes reduction in special education costs will offset \$50,000 increase next year. Added programs (\$47,012) are intended in part, to restore school choice incoming and reduce school choice outgoing. Discussion regarding enrollment and class size. Mark and Nora Zinan-Suggest voluntary property tax fund funded through additional property tax donations. Discussion regarding necessity to fund services-education, public safety, roads, etc. Discussion regarding salaries and benefits. Review of Franklin County towns' tax rates. Overview of tax rate impact with overrides. Mr. Fydenkevez-\$57,000 override question for capital stabilization. Discussion regarding capital needs and funding. Public Budget Hearing will be held April 25th at 7:30 p.m. Public participation is needed.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant-
 - Article 1 (Prior years bills)-Motion to include by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 2 (MA Highway Fund deficit)-Motion to include by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 3 (Snow & Ice deficit)-Motion to include by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 4 (Town Counsel budget)-Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 5 (Transfer to Stabilization)-Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Bergeron. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 6 (Mapping for GIS)-Submitted by Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen. Motion to include by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 7 (Boat Ramp Grant)-Motion to include by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 1-2.
- Discussion regarding ditches and betterments.

- Annual Town Meeting Warrant review and vote next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Telecommunications (STC) Request-STC request for additional funds for labor to install equipment and fix remote cameras and other equipment. Motion to authorize expenditure from PEG Access Fund up to \$800.00 by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Police Department Negotiations-Union has requested to conduct meetings without Counsel. Discussion regarding need for counsel. Ground rules-add all agreements are tentative until Counsel approval, and facilitator/mediator will assist in the event of an impasse. Motion to change composition of negotiations team to add Board of Selectmen member by Mr. Bergeron, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. If impasse, facilitator will be used before Counsel. Vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron to participate.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron by 2nd Mr. Pierce 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator