

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – May 16, 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 7:04 p.m.
- “New 2 You” Consignment Store- Owners Rick and Julie Strong - “Earn to Learn” fund-raising program for school art and music programs has been ongoing. Want to do a two-month (June and July) program to donate 10% of profits to the Town SES fund. Would like Town to assist with advertising it to help the program succeed. Mr. Fydenkevez-sign on private property needs to be requested from property owner. STC has ability to put together short promo for program. Program donations can be directed to SES Gift Fund.
- May 9, 2011 Minutes-Motion to accept minutes of May 9, 2011, by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting-Mr. Bergeron- Scheduling of the Special Town Meeting will be discussed around the FY12 Budget.
- FY12 Budget-Mr. Bergeron-overview of options to balance the budget - cut budget, pursue a blend of cuts and increased revenues, and/or present smaller override. Overview of state aid reductions. Discussion regarding override mechanism/Special Town Election. Dr. Nash-1.78% increase provides level services at SES. Reduction of that would mean reductions to personnel. Would not serve needs of the students by doing that. Will be talking with school committee about difficult options. Nora Zinan-question regarding exemptions for income-eligible residents. Mr. Fydenkevez cited Supreme Judicial Court ruling from 1950’s. Sentiment still applies. Discussion regarding affordability of budget growth and revenue reductions. Timeline of July 1st to have balanced budget. Discussion regarding override or no override; menu override or single question override. Discussion regarding WWTP funding by sewer user fees. Ms. Zinan-need frequent and repetitious information for educating residents. Overview of budget segments potentially impacted with reductions. Mr. Bergeron-summary of the variety of local sentiment. Propose override to fund revenue shortfall. Budget cuts will still have to be made and additional revenues will have to be applied. Justine Rosewarne-Town should publicize exemption opportunities. Discussion regarding historical state aid funding; specifically education aid reductions. Dr. Nash-override timeline puts school in jeopardy of having to notify teachers of potential staff reductions. Concerned about an override of any value passing in Sunderland. Mr. Fydenkevez-hasn’t spoken with any “no” voter who’ve indicated they’d change their minds with a lesser number. Motion to pursue override and notify Clerk-value to be determined. Vote 1-2. Budget cuts and revenues-departments, boards, and committees are working this week on budget adjustments.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant (June 6, 2011):
 - Article 1-FY11 Fire Department Wages. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 2-FY11 \$1,000 Elections and Registrars. Motion to include by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 3-FY12 Elected Officials Salaries. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 4-FY12 Budget. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
 - Article 5-FY12 Fire Department Replacement Equipment. Motion to include by Mr. Pierce, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Highway Seasonal Appointment-Request by Highway Superintendent to appoint Nick Gallerani as Temporary Highway Laborer. Mr. Bergeron-need to review FY12 seasonal wages budget line before making appointment.
- Declaration of Surplus Supplies- PAYT bags inventory-Motion by Mr. Fydenkevez to declare remaining inventory PAYT bags surplus, 2nd by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.
- Purchase Order Policy-hold for next meeting.
- Town Administrator Updates-EPC agreement status.
- Warrant and correspondence by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce by 2nd Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator