

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –January 11, 2010

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Finance Committee members: Sean Randall, Francis Mozea, Elvery Veal, Mike Zeoli, Mike Beeltje, Aleksandra Kajstura, Nancy Maglione;

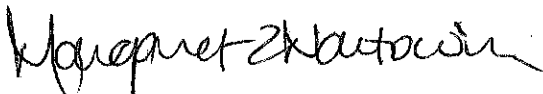
Moderator Robert Duby, Police Chief Jeffrey Gilbert, Fire Chief Robert Ahearn, Highway Superintendent George Emery

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron explained joint budget review session with Finance Committee (FinCom). No set ground rules; open discussion format.
- Presentation to Bruce Gordon-Certificate of appreciation for 15 years of service on FinCom and other service to the Town.
- Police FY11 Budget-Chief gave presentation for level funded budget, except 2.5% officers' salary adjustment per contract. Mr. Bergeron - Quinn town share needs 2.5% adjustment to reflect officers' increase in base wages. Discussion regarding collaboration with other police departments (mutual aid), grants, cooperative training, regionalization, coverage, officer certifications. Court scheduling-clarification needed to see if and how small police departments could be better accommodated. CP Grant-eliminated for FY11. Governor's Highway Safety Grant specifically applied to traffic enforcement. Capital-request for new cruiser to replace 2003 cruiser. Discussion regarding cruiser inventory, use, mileage and maintenance.
- Fire FY11 Budget-Cuts would devastate the department, especially at a time when dept. needs more personnel. Presented level funded budget. Discussion regarding saving for ambulance and appropriating annually to Ambulance Intercepts Revolving Fund. Discussion regarding Energy Performance contracting (at PSC), federal and state mandates, and inspections. Chief left meeting due to a fire call - Capital requests to be presented and justified at a later date.
- Highway FY11 Budget- Presented level funded budget. Discussion regarding Snow and Ice Expense. Mr. Fydenkevez-Free Cash isn't available to us to the extent it has been in the past in order to fund Snow & Ice deficits. George-27 hours logged so far on the rental truck. Discussion regarding rental truck costs & usage. Mr. Fydenkevez-Look at increasing snow and ice expense line by \$10,000. Capital-discussion regarding new vs. used truck, need for 3rd large truck vs. using existing equipment. Request for 4 loader tires-total \$10,000; existing tires are 90-95% worn. Mr. Veal-that may be a safety issue. Hadley Road culvert-George to contact Stantec for engineering estimate.
- Mr. Bergeron gave reminders for upcoming meetings.
- Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator