

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –March 1, 2010
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

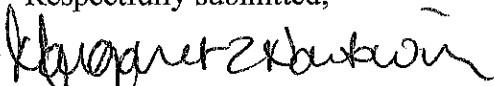
Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Finance Committee members Mike Zeoli and Mike Beeltje

Behind the Camera: Richie Wheeler

- FY11 Budget Hearings-Regional Assessments
 - Franklin County Retirement Assessment-Dale Kowacki and Retirement Board Member, Herb Sanderson. Mr. Kowacki-Overview of type of plan, benefits of the plan, funding sources for the system, rate of return, assessment calculations, 3% retiree COLA, current Early Retirement Incentive legislation pending. Discussion regarding COLA's and long-term effect on towns, FC Retirement Board philosophy. Thursday, March 11th, "Get To Know you Regional Organizations", 7-9pm Greenfield High School.
 - Central Franklin County District Veterans Services - Leo Parent-Overview of veterans benefits, qualifications, 75% State reimbursement. Possible addition of another veteran requiring FY11 budget increase to \$20,000. Mr. Fydenkevez-Recognize Leo for tireless work to assist veterans. Need more conversations with legislators to create offset or anticipated revenue to make town's obligation more manageable. State should allow us to budget only the 25% we know we're obligated to pay.
 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)-Linda Dunlavy gave an overview of FRCOG assessments and services. FY10-\$639 reduction in statutory assessment. Effective in May 2011 there will be increased costs for FRCOG move into Greenfield Transit Center. Hoping to minimize burden of costs to towns. FY11 FRCOG budget overview. Discussion regarding Accounting Service hours. FRCOG thinking about ways to work with towns regarding regionalization and cooperation. Discussion regarding shared Assessors' services, software. Summary of services provided by FRCOG.
- Mr. Bergeron called Board's meeting to order at 8:54pm.
- Snow and Ice Deficit Spending Request-\$4,000 to Snow and Ice Wages and \$3,500 additional to Snow and Ice Expense. Total deficit spending request to-date is \$25,000. Motion to approve by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Building Inspector Alternate-Request by Building Commissioner to appoint Tim Neyhart as Alternate Building Inspector. Motion to appoint by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0.
- Reminder – Town Caucus next Monday, March 8th at 6pm.
- Mr. Fydenkevez-Emergency Declaration made this past week. Command/communication structure is important.
- Discussion regarding Route 116 crosswalk, traffic lights. Ms. Nartowicz will send letter to Mass Highway regarding permanent installation and "No Turn on Red" sign.
- Warrant by signature.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator