

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –September 27, 2010**

**SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

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

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator, Board of Assessors**

**Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski, Richie Wheeler**

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Call to order at 6:37 p.m.

- MGL c.40, §56 Tax Classification Hearing – Legal ad read by Clerk, Mr. Pierce. Mr. Fydenkevez declared hearing open. Mary Ann Kowalek suggested that the Board approve a single tax rate. James Kowalek provided valuations: Total valuation \$342,000,000; Residential \$304,000,000; Commercial 23,000,000; Industrial \$5,000,000; Personal Property \$8,000,000; Open Space \$0. Discussion regarding single tax rate, TIP. Mary Ann stated the Assessors have never had applications filed for personal property abatements. Hearing closed at 6:48 p.m. Motion to accept Assessors' recommendation and set single tax rate for FY11 by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0.

Recess called at 6:49 p.m.

- Meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m. with 4-town joint "Regional Opportunities" meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez gave an overview of the meeting's agenda. Attendees from Deerfield, Whately, Conway and Sunderland introduced themselves. FRCOG Executive Director Linda Dunlavy gave a brief overview of the efforts of the State's Regionalization Advisory Commission; then presented state-wide Regionalization survey results from the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Regionalization Conference. Robert Ahearn, Sunderland Ambulance Director summarized ongoing regional ambulance service discussions. Ms. Dunlavy explained that District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding from DHCD can be used for technical assistance, planning and feasibility studies related to regionalization. Discussion regarding regionalizing ambulance service, 501(c)(3) agencies providing services to a region or group of towns, and quality/quantity of service delivery. Mr. Fydenkevez referenced evolution of South County Senior Center MOU. Discussion regarding Municipal Reform Act, obstacles to regionalizing services. Mike Wissemann gave an overview of Sunderland "Collaborative Working Group" discussions. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that consideration should be given to including schools in future collaboration discussions. Conway Selectman Chuck Trombley referenced working with Buckland on a shared Highway Garage design. Whately Selectman Paul Newlin emphasized that the towns need to talk to each other on a regular basis to collaborate. Ms. Dunlavy noted that the FRCOG is working on a bulletin board/reference page on its website for member towns to post regional issues. Work on regional ambulance service and regional animal control will be moving forward with DLTA. She explained DLTA requirements. Discussion regarding regional studies, evolution of regionalization. Mr. Fydenkevez proposed the 4 towns continue discussions on regional ambulance service study and that each board appoint a representative to a 4-town board for regionalization discussions. Ms. Dunlavy-FRCOG may be able to expand study to things like cooperative purchasing for a broader regional area, dependent upon DLTA funding. Discussion regarding regional animal control. FRCOG will send out fall solicitations to towns. Deerfield Selectman John Paciorek would like to see Sunderland's list of regionalization ideas for discussion by other towns.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bergeron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pierce. Vote 3-0. Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator

**BOARD of ASSESSORS**

**Town of SUNDERLAND MASSACHUSETTS**

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**The Recorder Saturday, September 18, 2010**

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
CLASSIFICATION HEARING**  
The Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Sunderland will hold a  
Classification Hearing on  
Monday September 27, 2010,  
8:30 p.m. at Town Offices, 12  
School Street for the purpose  
of determining the current  
years tax allocation between  
the five classes of taxable prop-  
erty: Residential, Open Space,  
Commercial, Industrial as well  
as Personal Property as set  
forth in M.G.L.C. 40B:55.  
Interested taxpayers are  
encouraged to attend the meet-  
ing.  
Sunderland  
Board of Selectmen  
Thomas D. Fyde/kevez  
Scott A. Bergeron  
David J. Pierce

*Real Estate*

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Day: Monday              Date: **September 27, 2010**      Time: **6:00PM**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPOINTMENTS**

6:00PM      SEPT meeting  
6:30PM      Board of Assessors – Tax Classification Hearing  
7:00PM      4-Town Joint Board Regionalization Meeting

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 11, 2010 – Columbus Day – Town Offices Closed
- October 16, 2010 – Fall Festival 10AM-4PM
- October 18, 2010 - Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting

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Town Clerk Received Date & Time

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**APPOINTMENTS**

- Linda Dunlavy, FRCOG Executive Director - Online Municipal Services Survey Results
- Regional Opportunities Discussion
- Thinking Ahead/Next Steps

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