

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – January 4, 2010

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

Present: Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Wissemann

Absent: Mr. Bergeron

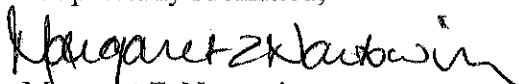
Others: Margaret Nartowicz

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Mr. Fydenkevez-Mr. Bergeron not able to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.
- December 21, 2009 Minutes-- Motion to accept the minutes of December 21, 2009 meeting by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 2-0.
- Potyrala Cross Road-Mr. Fydenkevez-Town Counsel has provided opinion regarding winter road maintenance. Forward information from Town Counsel to Highway Superintendent. Attach Town Counsel's email to Snow & Ice policy. Ms. Nartowicz will contact residents to let them know how Town will proceed.
- STC Resignation-Letter of resignation from Wayne Shaw read by Clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Motion to accept resignation by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Mr. Fydenkevez-This board has been very supportive of Sunderland Telecommunications Committee and Local Channel 15. Vote 2-0.
- FY10 & 11 Budget Update-Ms. Nartowicz reported no news yet from the state. The legislature is expected to make some decisions on the current year's budget this month. Discussion regarding regional school transportation, FCTS and FRS E&D, and Franklin County Schools Health Insurance Group reimbursements.
- Snow and Ice Expense Update-Report by Ms. Nartowicz. Mr. Fydenkevez-Reminder that BOS and FinComm pre-authorization is required for deficit spending.
- Smart Power-Jess Bergman from Smart Power explained that Smart Power is non-profit which markets energy efficiency and clean energy, and has teamed up with WMECO on energy education program. Description of online program for residents to use. Can provide DVD for broadcasting to show how to use the program. Aaron Falbel-Energy Committee supports this initiative and other measures to promote clean energy and energy conservation. Discussion regarding the value of seeing results of energy conservation measures. Mr. Fydenkevez-summary of MOU with Smart Power. Mr. Falbel-Energy committee supports entering into MOU with Smart Power. Motion to sign MOU by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Energy Committee supports this; it doesn't cost anything, and it provides an interactive format. Vote 2-0.
- FY11 Budget Update-Mr. Wissemann serves on Collaboration Working Group; group is looking at doing things a little differently. Mr. Fydenkevez-Beginning next week departments, BOS and FinCom will participate in round-table budget discussions. Budget meetings will focus 100% on the budget process-no other general BOS business. BOS and FinCom are each responsible for formulating budgets. Discussion regarding room set-up, goals for process, etc. Override-Mr. Fydenkevez-Would hope that the ballot question, if necessary, would appear on town election ballot rather than special election. Mr. Wissemann-Important for all parties to get together at the beginning, whether or not the parties agree on numbers in the end.
- Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz

Town Administrator