

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –March 22, 2010

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator, Finance Committee members

Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 6:45 p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron stated the Board of Selectmen would enter into Executive Session under MGL C. 39, § 23B, ¶3, & read pertinent paragraph. Motion to enter into Executive Session by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Roll call vote: Mr. Wissemann-yes, Mr. Fydenkevez-yes, Mr. Bergeron-yes. The Board will return to open session.
- Returned to open session at 7:15pm.
- FY11 Budget segment review - Mr. Bergeron gave overview of budget process and current budget numbers.
 - Personnel increase requests - Highway request read by clerk, Mr. Wissemann. Discussion regarding highway budget & work being done in-house vs. contracted. Mr. Wissemann-would like information on impacts on materials line or other parts of the budget with in-house work. Snow and Ice Expense line.
 - Discussion regarding state required contribution formula apportionment. May be pent up demand in coming years from Frontier & Franklin Tech for funding assessments.
 - Mr. Bergeron-overview of revenue projections. Mr. Wissemann-should hold off on operating budget override-may be greater need for an override next year. Discussion regarding use of Free Cash to fund operating budget.
 - Discussion regarding capital needs and Capital Stabilization funding mechanisms. Discussion regarding highway rental truck. Mr. Wissemann-talked with Highway Superintendent. A used truck for \$50,000 could give the Town 12-15 years of service.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez-\$64,000 shortfall doesn't accurately reflect what should be in the budget. Other communities are going through tough budget cycle. Mr. Bergeron-summary of budget reduction impacts and mechanisms for funding the budget. Sean Randall-financial perspective is that budget shouldn't be funded from Free Cash, but realistically may have to, understanding that an override may be needed in the future. Nancy Maglione-need to fund capital and keep budget lean until things stabilize. Discussion regarding funding capital stabilization & Capital Stabilization override. Richard Lopatka-programmatic way to fund capital makes sense. Discussion regarding capital plan. Discussion regarding override for capital versus funding separately. Francis Mozea-Town needs to be aware of budget shortfall, potential need for override next year, and required services and items to keep the Town going. Discussion regarding prioritizing needs to put overrides before voters. Discussion regarding CPA question, capital plan and Capital Planning Committee to oversee capital process. Mr. Wissemann-concerned with presenting override to voters before one is needed next year. Mr. Fydenkevez-options should be brought forward to voters. Discussion regarding approach to disseminating information. Mr. Fydenkevez-Senior Center overview and notice of Men's and Woman's Club dinner for Sunderland seniors. Mr. Bergeron-CPA is on the ballot. Discussion regarding Capital Stabilization override or not, and operating budget override or not.
 - Motion to put CPA question and funding mechanism on town election ballot by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
 - Motion to place \$50,000 Capital Stabilization override on town election ballot by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 2-1.
 - Motion to place \$155,000 operating budget override on town election ballot by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 0-3.
 - Mr. Bergeron-same issues with shortfall that Town has experienced over a period of years. Need true value for override. Trying to maintain sound fiscal practices. Mr. Bergeron-Town Clerk will be notified of 2 ballot questions tomorrow.