

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES –April 12, 2010

SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES

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

Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

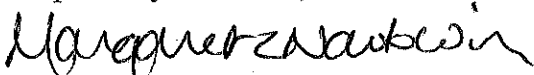
Behind the Camera: Tom Zimnowski

- Call to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Mr. Bergeron-Thanks to volunteers who worked on Veterans Memorial who worked on Veterans Memorial.
Budget Forum-Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of budget process. Budget segment review.
 - Mr. Sanderson suggested removing/reducing Medicaid Recovery line to \$1.00. Paid for from revenues that are generated. Ms. Nartowicz will get background information.
 - Lawn mowing-Ms. Nartowicz-bids were opened today. Will review bids tomorrow to determine FY11 Lawn Mowing budget.
 - Accountant-discussion regarding service and expenses.
 - Assessors-discussion regarding contracted services.
 - Collector/Treasurer-overview.
 - Town Clerk-overview. Discussion regarding having Code Update in operating budget or funding from town meeting article. Mr. Wissemann-all expenses in the budget reflect cost of doing business. Analyze cost and whether to move it to town meeting article.
 - Elections & Registrar-increase due to state elections.
 - Boards & Committees-discussion regarding Conservation Committee expense, Telecommunications Committee expense, Fall Festival-scholarship program. Discussion regarding % Change column.
 - Town Buildings-Discussion regarding Energy lines and Contingency. Should talk about collaborating with Frontier on heating oil purchasing. Discussion regarding Energy Performance Contract. Board of Selectmen recommends increasing Energy Contingency to \$7,000.
 - Police Department-overview of full-time police officer wages. Discussion regarding Quinn bonus and Police expense.
 - Fire Department-Discussion regarding town salary adjustments, ambulance expense.
 - Town Inspectors-overview.
 - Other Protection-discussion regarding street lights.
 - Highway Department-overview of wages and snow & ice materials.
 - Health & Sanitation-Discussion regarding trash pick up and illegal dumping; landfill monitoring, Riverside Cemetery spring & fall clean-up, Board of Health expense.
 - Library-overview. Donna McKemie-\$8,000 is approx. ½ of what is required to meet materials requirement for FY11. Mr. Fydenkevez-all departments took big hit this year, not sure he can support request. Ms. McKemie-Trustees wanted library hours to remain. Chose to reduce materials.
 - Schools-overview. Discussion regarding elementary school budget cuts, parental involvement, donations and retention of programs. Discussion needs to continue on school choice, Ch. 70, declining enrollment, regionalization. Discussion regarding use of E&D by Franklin Tech. and Frontier.
 - Benefits & Insurance-discussion regarding retirement assessment, health insurance, Medicare and Ch. 720 Unemployment.
 - Misc. & Reserve-overview of Soldiers & Vets Benefits. Discussion regarding FRCOG assessment. Mr. Sanderson-Soldiers & Vets budget will have to increase. Discussion regarding State reimbursement for Veterans' benefits.
 - Waste Water Treatment Plant-overview.
 - Debt & Interest-overview. Mr. Sanderson-overview of use of SBA to Sunderland Elementary School Renovation debt.
 - Revenues-Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of revenues. Discussion regarding Cherry Sheet revenues and assessments, and school choice.
 - Use of Free Cash-discussion. Mr. Bergeron-overview of use of one time revenues to find recurring expenses. Mr. Wissemann-need to discuss how this shortfall is to be funded.

- Mr. Bergeron gave an overview of ballot initiatives - CPA & Capital Stabilization. Mr. Fydenkevez-budget doesn't support needed services. Discussion regarding budget lines. Elizabeth Foster-need to have discussion about what the town wants. Discussion regarding town services and impacts. Ms. Foster-people should know when the schedule of excluded debt will come off the tax rate.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant – (votes to include articles)
 - Article 1: voted 3/29/10
 - Article 2: voted 3/29/10
 - Article 3: voted 3/29/10
 - Article 4: voted 4/5/10 - Library Temporary Staffing-Mr. Bergeron-overview of funding mechanisms. Mr. Fydenkevez-try to get answer from Board of Library Commissioners on whether amount will add to Sunderland Public Library budget.
 - Article 5: Sewer relining - Motion to include Article 5 to replace Art. 5 & 6 by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant-Motion to sign Special Town Meeting Warrant and post by Mr. Fydenkevez, 2nd by Mr. Wissemann. Vote 3-0.
- Warrant by signature.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wissemann, 2nd by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Administrator