

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch  
Others: E. Crowe, B. Bennett, A. Kajstura, Z Smith  
Absent: T. Fydenkevez

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM

#### SCEMS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Zach Smith, Director of SCEMS presented their FY20 budget. Budget includes step and COLA increases for personnel; Deerfield's comp study implemented a 10-yr, 10 step compensation with 2% COLA. Other increases included county retirement at 10% and health insurance 12%. Operating Expenses includes a decrease in rent due to the new facility. Rent expenses will be used for future building maintenance and a special fund established. 10% indirect costs for Deerfield personnel is being reviewed and may be adjusted. Collection of service fees has been good with ComStar. Operational reserve line is \$100,000. Sunderland's assessment is 31.48%. SCEMS is able to provide 24/7 paramedics, outreach and working with the community regarding services. Franklin County Radio assesses member towns and SCEMS portion is \$67,000. Other options are being explored, including option to join state service.

#### SCEMS CAPITAL

Under a separate budget for capital, two items were submitted. One for an ambulance replacement and another for a second vehicle with an estimated cost of \$40,000. BoO has not voted yet and no assessment to member towns has been determined. \$50-55,000 retained annually and earmarked for ambulance replacement. Mr. Bergeron encouraged the BoO to formulate an approach for use of retained earnings. It was noted an increase in runs from 10% average to 13% due to aging population which is trending nationally. Mr. Smith noted people are quicker to call for services because it is available. Service does some assists to Conway who operates a volunteer service. Collection rates are 80% vs. 20% uncollected fees. Most fees are paid 93% from insurance and 7% covered by co-pays. It was noted that SCEMS is a service, not a profit center. Mr. Crowe asked, what costs are related to opiate cases. Mr. Smith reported they are working with other organizations and Narcan is free; calls/costs have decreased.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Physicals. Physicals are not needed per OSHA written notification to the Fire Chief – only required for new officers. \$6,000 funds appropriated at STM 1.28.19 will be returned to the town.

#### MINUTES

Motion Mr. Bergeron to accept Minutes of 02/4/2019, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 2-0.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron reported on:

- Capital Planning meeting at 6pm
- Frontier Union Meeting scheduled

Mr. Pierce reported:

- Union 38 Teachers & IA's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.
- Ditch Committee is scheduled for February 19 at 6PM
- Personnel Committee with Collins Center – February 26 at 6PM

TOWN CAUCUS is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Sunderland Town Offices.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- North Main Street project's 25% design will be resubmitted to MassDOT February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Aggregation meeting rescheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next Board of Selectmen's meeting scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Mr. Bergeron to adjourn at 7:41PM, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Patch".

Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator