

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
Town Office Building

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, S. Patch  
Absent: S. Bergeron  
Others: S. Snyder, Terry Smith, A. Richards, D. Poli, Recorder

Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM

#### COMMUNITY PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Updated plan for Riverside Park. The original parking space plan was to extend the parking lot but the bids were rejected due to high cost. They are proposing a project partnering with Mass Fish & Game to include funding for additional five (5) boat trailer parking spaces in another area at the back of the town hall for a special event or overflow trailer parking which will include appropriate signage. They would also provide line striping, in a different color to delineate the appropriate parking areas Ms. Snyder noted this partnership will allow previously allotted funds for alternate work. There is more usage on the river due to the improvements along the riverfront. Mr. Smith noted there will need to be an amendment to the Land Management Agreement. They would have a contract with the town and then they would reimburse the town for work, contributing up to \$32,000 by Mass Fish & Game. They have reviewed the area for paving vs. gravel options but prefer paving as it would be less problematic for highway management and maintenance. Mr. Fydenkevez noted the great partnership with Mass Fish & Game regarding this project which is allowing the town to provide a more enhanced Riverfront Park project.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Richards came before the board to express concern regarding large puddles in driveway after sidewalk which wasn't plowed and caused slippery conditions. This issue was created when the road was repaved several years ago. Mr. Fydenkevez offered that the Highway Superintendent planned on repaving that roadway this year. He noted that Mr. Emery is investigating elevations and how things have changed since the last time it was paved and resolution options. It was realized that over the years, multiple paving's have contributed to the high road grade - adding 4" of paving. Mr. Richards reiterated that a change in drainage was created when the road was repaved. Mr. Fydenkevez will defer until the investigation has been completed and sincerely takes Mr. Richard's concerns seriously.

#### FCTS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Rick Martin and Russ Kaubris presented the FCTS Budget. They reported an increase in enrollment and noted 18 school district students named to the AP Honor Roll. FCTS offered a wide variety of programs and opportunities to students, including a recent collaborative agreement with Greenfield Bank for assisting with building new houses each year. Some facility improvements include the welding shop being renovated with a \$500,000 grant, new collision repair booth was installed and new football & basketball lights installed. New class options are being explored for the fall. They have 463 in-district students; 143 projected enrolled for next year, 12 shops and 38.5% IEP students. Sunderland currently has 6 students, 3 will be graduating and have 4 applicants from our town. It was noted that some students pursue Smith Vo Tech (SVT) options because of programs not offered at FCT. Report cards can be requested for students that are enrolled at SVT to ensure they are still in programs not being offered at FCTS to ensure they remain in eligible programs. FY20 annual assessment is \$17,695 per student which is a 2.8% increase. The FY20 budget has not been finalized by the School Committee at this time.

### MINUTES

Motion Mr. Pierce to accept Minutes of 02/11/2019, Second Mr. Fydenkevez Vote 2-0.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

Mr. Pierce reported on:

- Last union meeting was cancelled, next meeting scheduled for March.
- Ditch Committee meeting kick-off was held. Reviewed the charge, define next steps, perennial streams and intermittent streams
- Personnel Committee meeting tomorrow night.
- School Committee Meeting Wednesday

Mr. Fydenkevez reported:

- SCEMS meeting tomorrow
- SCSC meeting Wednesday

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Piece Motion to accept bid for the engineer contract for the school street sewer manhole project for \$2,900 from Sara Campbell, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 2-0. The budget for this project is \$3,000.

### SEASONAL HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

Highway Superintendent requested appointment of Lawrence Peters as part-time seasonal employee for snow-plowing. Starting salary rate is \$18.89/hour. Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 2-0.

TOWN CAUCUS will take place Mon. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Town Offices. The Selectmen's meeting will follow.

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Assessors recommended approval of CAI Technology contract for tax map maintenance renewal for FY20. They voted to drop the annual indexes which have become obsolete. This will result in a \$400 savings which they plan to use for upgrading technology for online permitting, etc.

Motion Mr. Pierce to adjourn at 7:55PM, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator