

## Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Sunderland Town Office Building

February 22, 2016

### MINUTES

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Patch, Town Administrator

Guests: Finance Committee members: Sean Randall, Bruce Bennett; Mrs. Barrett –FRS/Union38 School Superintendent, Patti Cavanaugh–Business Manager; Sunderland Elementary School Committee Members:

Doug Fulton, Michelle Tomlinson,

Behind the Camera: FCAT: Lacey Arnold

Call to Order at 6:36PM

#### Appointments

- **Sunderland Elementary School Budget Presentation-budget Draft #2.** Overview of draft budget given by Mrs. Barrett. Current forecast indicates Sunderland's budget will have a high percentage increase due to a larger than usual student additions which would require an additional classroom. The projections could change by the time school starts and then budget needs may be adjusted accordingly. Ms. Cavanaugh presented line-by-line budget items. She also explained the state formula cost expectation per student and the impact to Sunderland. The foundation budget per students is \$10,297. Currently, Sunderland is \$25,000 below what the state formula requires for the current fiscal year which would also be increased for FY17. Presently, there are 231 students enrolled in Sunderland Elementary School, 46 are choice students.
- **Frontier Regional School Budget was presented** by Mrs. Barrett and Ms. Cavanaugh. The increase in the budget is due to seven teacher retirements including the Superintendent and a large increase in health insurance costs. Teacher negotiations are ongoing for this fiscal year as well.

#### Minutes

- Mr. Pierce Motion to accept the minutes of February 8, 2016, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

#### Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Pierce reported Teacher negotiations were ongoing.
- Solar-power related letters have been sent by STAM and the MMA to State Rep Kulik and Senator Rosenberg.
- Mr. Fydenkevez stated the BoO for SCEMS met last week and approved the FY17 budget, which is level funded and same as FY16.
- Mr. Bergeron announced the Housing Production Plan was approved and thanked everyone for their work on the project.

#### Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch is still updating the budget as submissions are presented and other factors are entered.
- SCEMS budget presentation is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> with the Board.
- Ms. Patch asked if the Board would like to entertain the South County Senior Center at an upcoming meeting for budget presentation and update of the Center and new direction introduction. The Board indicated they would welcome the opportunity.
- Lawn Mowing Bids have been received and a recommendation will be proposed to the Board next meeting.

#### Old Business

- Police Chief Search Committee appointments; 11 community members have offered to participate on the Committee. Two (2) individuals withdrew due to conflicts. The following 7 (seven) individuals will be appointed as members: Gary Briere, Len Vonflatern, Mike Wozniakewicz, Laurie Salame, Erin Wyllie, Stacy Myer, and Bruce Bennett. The Board appointed the following alternates: Devin Melnik

and Alfred Albano. Mr. Pierce Motion to appoint as noted, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0. Ms. Patch will contact members and arrange first meeting and outline charge, etc.

- 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Charge was presented for adoption. Mr. Pierce Motion to accept, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.
- The Board will make 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee appointments at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Other Business and Announcements

- Mr. Bergeron noted the following upcoming meetings for the Board's attendance:
  - Next Board of Selectmen's meeting: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30
  - Primary Election: March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sunderland Elementary School
  - Town Caucus is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in Town Offices.
- Mr. Pierce Motion to adjourn, Mr. Fydenkevez 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Patch