

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting**  
Sunderland Town Office Building  
**February 1, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Patch, Town Administrator  
Guests: Finance Committee members: Bruce Bennett, Francis Mozea and Dan Murphy; Highway Superintendent: George Emery; The Recorder Reporter  
Behind the Camera: FCAT: Chris Collins

Call to Order

Announcement regarding deadline to register to vote is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Check with the Town Clerk for details or assistance.

Appointments

- Appointment with Highway Superintendent, George Emery regarding his FY17 budget. Shared Budget truck with Sunderland as lead town as accepted but pricing is now being finalized. No employee wage increases were included until Personnel Committee recommendations are made. There is a small seasonal employee wage increase to gain additional hours for summer projects. Level funded snow and ice line submitted. Estimate to pave Swampfield Drive is approximately \$32,000. There was discussion as to why the road has not been taken over by the town. It is believed the deed has restrictions and will be researched. If the road can be taken as a town road then Chapter 90 would be eligible for his paving and maintenance. Mr. Emery noted not employee wages were included in the budget since Personnel Committee recommendations have not been made yet. Capital requests include 2 snow plows, a single-axle dump truck to replace the 1996, and heaters in the highway garage area. Mr. Bergeron will work with Highway Super regarding the heaters options and needs in the garage.
- Discussion with Finance Committee regarding Cherry Sheets numbers received. Ms. Patch will attend the Finance Committee meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 to work with the Committee.

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- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2016, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Fydenkevez reported on the Special Town Meeting Deerfield held last week. One topic was the SCEMS program and the issue of the ambulance housing plan to remove the service from Deerfield and place in a possibly a more centralized location. No one is dissatisfied with the services being provided by SCEMS. Jack and Sharon Paciorek spoke passionately at the Deerfield meeting regarding the good of the program and lead the pledge to keep the service in Deerfield. Mr. Fydenkevez will extend invitation for them to attend SCEMS BoO meeting this week to discuss their concerns and work with the committee for a viable solution. Housing SCEMS together has been discussed for some time. Any options explored are not move-in ready and no options were available in Deerfield that would keep the service together. SCEMS budget was also presented and the projection is basically level funding or a minimal increase. Mr. Fydenkevez feels all towns are very satisfied with the service and is dedicated to entertaining conversations that would better the SCEMS service.
- Mr. Pierce reported will be attending two union negotiations this week and is expected to wrap one up this week.
- Solar progress is slow but there has been communication between the vendor and Eversource so Mr. Pierce will be following up on that status.
- Mr. Bergeron commented on the North Main Street reconstruction project and appreciates all the input received through the various public forums.

### Town Administrator Updates

- Ms. Patch submitted the Community Compact application last week. She will also be attending a meeting at the FRCOG on Friday regarding this opportunity. She also noted IT improvement grants were available which she would be exploring in addition to complete streets funding up to \$400,000.
- Mass-in-Motion walking program to be discussed with Community Pathways regarding walking trails, etc. at a meeting being held with Alyssa Rose at the FRCOG.
- Ms. Patch signed contract to lock-in oil price for FY17 with the LPVEC at \$1.554.

### Other Business and Announcements

- Mr. Bergeron spoke of the workshops attended, especially those that focused on community changes, aging populations and walkability access. Next Board of Selectmen meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- No meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> because of President's Day observance so all town offices will be closed.
- Police Chief Search Committee will be five (5) people and will be posted on Ch. 15 and the Town's website seeking individuals interested in serving. Contact the Selectmen's Office with interest. The plan is to appoint a screen committee with recommendations to the Board of Selectmen by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Board of Selectmen will then set up interviews of the forwarded candidates.
- Police Chief will bring Officer-in-Charge (OIC) recommendation to the Selectmen's office on Thursday.
- Mr. Mozea wanted to bring attention to the drug addiction epidemic in Franklin County. His concern is there is not enough education and public assistance for individuals that have an addiction problem and encouraged more individuals to be aware for our youth and young adults of this growing and concerning problem.
- Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to adjourn, Mr. Pierce 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Patch