

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 7, 2022

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz

Others present: C. Bennett, J. Skibiski, J. Remillard, P. Gagarin, G. Gottschalk

Meeting: Hybrid: in person and remote, recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept 01/31/2022 minutes, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- Introduction of NEW SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR: JENNIFER REMILLARD. Ms. Remillard recently started has been able to meet seniors in the current meeting space at the Pope Paul Parish Center in S. Deerfield. She thanked Sue Corey for all the work she has been doing on behalf of the seniors during the absence of a director and assisting her in the position. Ms. Remillard remarked about Riverside Park behind town hall, noting it would be a great space for senior events. There will be a meet and greet with her on February 25, 2022, 10:30am-noon at the Pope John Paul Parish Center which she is looking forward to. There will also be a technology learning session for interested seniors interested on March 22, 2022, 9:30-noon.
- APPOINTMENT of MEG FISHER to the ENERGY COMMITTEE. Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Meg Fisher as requested, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, Vote 3-0.
- APPOINTMENT of GERRY BRIDWELL as an AT-LARGE MEMBER of the CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE. Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Gerry Bridwell as requested, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, Vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Skibiski of 123 N. Main Street spoke about ISSUES RELATED TO THE N. MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WHICH CAUSED FLOODING into the basement of her property as well as neighboring property flooding February 4, 2022. The Fire Department assisted for several hours pumping water out of her basement. She reported the storm drains by her property have been damaged or disconnected which caused the overflow. Mr. Kravitz spoke with MassDOT and the contractors regarding the matter and they are investigating a remedy to the issue. Mr. Fydenkevez requested Ms. Skibiski relate the details of the event to the Selectboard's email for documentation purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES:
 - Mr. Pierce attended a Union 38 negotiations meeting last week, next meeting is March 7. Capital Planning meeting tomorrow.
 - Ms. Drake-Tremblay has a Personnel Committee meeting next Monday.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez attended the FRCOG Budget meeting last week and briefly explained how their budget is prepared as it relates to their services. SCEMS BUDGET meeting scheduled for tomorrow is postponed till March. He attended a SCSC BOARD OF OVERSIGHT right before this meeting. He welcomed Ms. Remillard to the meeting asked her to introduce herself to Sunderland.
- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:
 - Town Clerk requested announcement of TOWN CAUCUS on MARCH 7TH AT 6:30PM. The incumbents of the following elected positions were not seeking re-election: SELECTBOARD – 1, BOARD OF HEALTH – 1, FRONTIER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 1, MODERATOR – 1, LIBRARY TRUSTEES – 2, PLANNING BOARD -1. Mr. Pierce

announced he would not be seeking re-election for Selectboard and if anyone is interested, they should seek nomination at Caucus or take out nomination papers with the Town Clerk.

- FREE CASH was submitted today.
- ARPA: Some funds were expended before the expense commitments were defined which would allow for ARPA use under its definition; asking the Board to approve use of ARPA funds for the following:
 - \$436.56 - Police Details-VaxBus at SES in November 2021.
 - \$756.54 - laptop repair for a police cruiser
 - \$1,228.00 – 100 COVID rapid test kits
 - \$2,423-Bridge Academy Police Training for Yr. 1 – FRCOG received funds to offset town's expense. Sunderland received their portion from the FRCOG already. Additional funds will be requested in the future for more trainings.
- Request approval for ARPA funding use for the following items:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY: 7 AEDS \$15,739, Vehicle Radio Repeaters \$62,000.
 - EDUCATION: PA System replacement: \$7,378; repair leaks and replace pressure regulator \$18,500, exterior rim band replacement \$,9500, window replacement, \$125,000, Dishwasher (current one is original to the building): \$21,000.
 - GENERAL: TOWN OFFICE, LIBRARY, HIGHWAY: 3 AEDS \$6,745.

Mr. Pierce motion to approve ARPA funds as presented, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0. Mr. Kravitz will update the totals and expects to bring additional projects in the future.

- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday February 14, 2022, 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:14PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator