

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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

Others present: Richard Martin-FCTS Superintendent, Russ Kabris-FCTS Business Manager; P. Gagarin, K. McFarland, C. Bennett

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM

MINUTES

- Mr. Pierce motion to accept FEBRUARY 7, 2022 MINUTES, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, Vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL FCTS) BUDGET PRESENTATION: Mr. Martin began presentation reviewing their draft FY23 budget. Budget has not been approved by School Committee yet. Budget includes a 3% increase assessment to Towns and Capital assessment to Sunderland of approximately \$10,888. School enrollment has increased which may require an additional bus and route added to accommodate population. Sunderland's assessment is approximately \$104,114 which is a decrease for expected lower student enrollment of town's students, which reflects expected surplus fund distribution to member towns. CAPITAL NEEDS: several spaces were repurposed to create new classrooms for programs. Further increases will be needed for the latest programs implementing soon and they are reviewing additional space requirements, anticipated student increase, and review of funding sources for the new growth.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES:
 - Ms. Drake-Tremblay – nothing to report
 - Mr. Pierce – Capital Planning Committee meeting Wednesday.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez spoke of the recent passing of FCAT Executive Director Chris Collins. He detailed Chris's vision for Community Television, and his passion for a multitude of media outlets for many years. His contributions will be sorely missed by all of those he interacted with. Jonathan, FACT's media representative said Chris is very missed by their community.
 - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:
 - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CALENDAR reviewed and updated.
 - ARPA additional requests: PSC: GENERATOR WIRING and POLICE CRUISER.
 - SCHOOL: SPRINKLER SYSTEM GLYCOL REPLACEMENT is needed as some loops do have glycol. BOILER REPLACEMENT is highest priority as the older one is now leaking. Also, GABLE & SOFIT repairs are needed. Specify PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE, i.e., VOIP, just upgrading phones? GENERAL GOVERNMENT: HIGHWAY GARAGE-replace ceiling tiles and insulation; LIBRARY carpet replacement; Mr. Fydenkevez asked if tile was considered instead of carpeting. Mr. Fydenkevez requests review of sufficient LIGHTING OVER NEW SIDEWALKS.
 - Mr. Kravitz informed Board that he will be on vacation next week.
 - Mr. Pierce motion to OPEN the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
 - Town Offices Closed February 21, 2022 ; next Selectboard meeting February 28, 2022, at 6:30PM.
- ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:35PM, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 2-1.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator