

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD JOINT MEETING with SUNDERLAND LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

March 7, 2022

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

Others present: Library Board of Trustees: J. Rosewarne, L. Starr, B. Berry, H. Graves, V. Voorheis, E. Pettit;
H. Baur-Clapp, P. Gagarin, Doc Pruyne-Reporter

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

BUSINESS

- JOINT MEETING WITH SUNDERLAND LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOLT) regarding receipt of resignation of a Library Trustee, per bylaws. Mr. Fydenkevez will ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE OPEN LIBRARY TRUSTEE POSITION. The Chair may make additional nomination if more than one candidate has expressed consideration. BOLT Chair J. Rosewarne nominated Heidi Bauer-Clapp to fill the vacancy until the annual town election, Mr. Pierce second the nomination. Mr. Fydenkevez called for additional nominations. No further nominations were made. Mr. Fydenkevez entertained a motion by Mr. Pierce to close nominations, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second to close nominations. Ms. Bauer-Clapp spoke regarding her interest in serving on the Board of Library Trustees. Motion made and seconded for Ms. Bauer-Clapp; a unanimous vote was taken by Board of Library Trustees and Selectboard members to appoint. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Ms. Bauer-Clapp for her interest. Trustees offered upcoming events: beginning June 17, outdoor concerts series return to the Library after a hiatus due to COVID. Ms. Rosewarne adjourned the Library Trustee Meeting at 7:17PM.
- TOWN CAUCUS was held prior to Selectboard's meeting and Mr. Fydenkevez noted all elected positions received nominations. Congratulations to everyone that is seeking election and appreciates everyone that served and were not seeking re-election.
- DELTA SAND & GRAVEL PUBLIC WEIGHER APPOINTMENTS, for one-year effective April 1, 2022, for T.J. Conroy, Jr., Amanda Gauthier, Jane Kucenski, and Melinda Gibbons. Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Public Weighers for Delta Sand and Gravel as presented, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES:
 - Mr. Pierce- Union 38 settled union contract. Capital Planning Committee tomorrow and should be ready to make recommendations soon.
 - Ms. Drake-Tremblay-Personnel Committee met tonight. Close to offering recommendations to the Selectboard for budgeting.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez meet with SCSC Board of Oversight of BoO) on Friday to finalize budget. There are some changes, Outreach coordinator which is an integral position for senior center. The BoO recognized the importance of that position especially during COVID. Grant has been funding the position for last 4-5 yrs, That line item has been put back in the budget with the hopes that the grant will offset the cost for that position. This item will show an increase in the SCSC budget because of that. New Director was very involved in the budget.
 - CAUCUS – long time since we've had people in our meeting room. Noted all members who chose to not seek re-election and thanked them for service as well as the people who stepped forward to put their names on the ballot for the first time and hope it is a rewarding experience. Mr. Pierce served 9 years on Selectboard, Caitlyn Rock – over 10 years of service to Board of Health and thanked them for their service.
- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:
 - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CALENDAR was amended and reviewed from previous meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that Town Meeting is the Moderator's meeting requiring two people attending to conduct, i.e., the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk. The Selectboard are present at the meeting and

available for warrant article information, etc. A bylaw was put into place years ago to proceduralize the action of town meeting, community notification actions of town meeting, etc. Dates established are by statute and bylaws. Mr. Fydenkevez ask the calendar be posted on website.

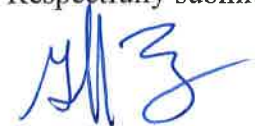
- ARPA FUND DISCUSSION – updated information for the next proposed projects as discussed last meeting. Education: glycol sprinkler replacement for some routes, phone system upgrade, gable vented & soffit repairs; TOWN-HIGHWAY GARAGE: replace ceiling tiles and insulation at Highway Garage. Misspoke of previous moisture infiltration in ceiling at garage, which is actually from the hot water heater, which has been repaired and is located in the ceiling which created mold due to prior leakage. LIBRARY Carpet replacement and RIVERSIDE PARK Restrooms, TOWN OFFICE BUILDING estimates received for Front Step Replacement and refinishing the wood floors in the building. Floors are approximately \$50,000 but have asked for more information particularly if project was split by floor. Also included is a list of items received from the public. No public health or safety issues other than the insulation matter in the Highway Garage. Mr. Fydenkevez asked for clarification on the BRIDGE ACADEMY for the Police Department. Mr. Kravitz noted the state is reimbursing a certain amount but Mr. Fydenkevez would like the breakdown and believes the town should not have to spend anything on this. The state has a law that towns are not supposed to pass along unfunded mandates. The Board did already vote to use ARPA funds for this program. Sunderland has been fortunate to have many outstanding officers and have gone onto full-time positions.
- ARPA FUNDS USE FOR PREMIUM PAY. How to determine eligibility of employees.
- TOWN CLERK requested the Board consider nomination of Al Richards as a Registrar, Ms. Drake-Tremblay nominate Al Richards as Registrar, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.
- Last year there was a separate warrant article for the PIONEER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, does Board want to continue as a warrant article or do they want to continue with program at all. Mr. Fydenkevez would like to continue for one more year to see if the program offers anything and request it be added as a warrant article.
- TRI-TOWN BEACH: Representative requested for the town. Sunderland was originally asked and at the last minute, things changed. If the Board would like to, Mr. Fydenkevez doesn't have a problem with discussing the potential for Sunderland to participate. The area needs to have programs, be a safe place to swim, etc.

FY23 BUDGET REVIEW: Mr. Kravitz noted recent review of revenue and estimated local receipts. Hope to have a better revenue picture next week. School will be in next week with their budget and the Senior Center will be in the week after. Personnel Committee recommendations are still pending. Review of costs that are periodically recurring and how to best budget for them on a regular basis. Union 38 negotiations have just wrapped up. Health Insurance rates are rising 6.2%, exploring an HMO plan option in addition to plan offered now, which is a New England Network, but is limited to Massachusetts with select hospitals. An additional plan could entice more subscribers so budgeting would need to be considered. The town's premiums are much higher however, the current plans offer richer benefits, including lower co-pays, and low or no out-of-pocket expenses.

- Next Selectboard meeting scheduled for March 14, 2022, 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 8:06PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator