

## SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Sunderland Elementary School

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, C. Drake-Tremblay

Others present: C. Bennett, D. Modesto, S. Poreda, M. Arquin, J. Corwin, B. Hildreth, P. Gagarin, K. McFarland, G. Gottschalk, B. Barshefsky, D. Pruyne-Reformer

Absent: G. Kravitz, D. Pierce

Meeting: Hybrid: in person, portions recorded by FCAT

Selectboard and School Committee called their meetings to order at 5:03PM.

### BUSINESS

- Sunderland Elementary School Site visit with Sunderland Elementary School Committee.
  - Ms. Porda presented: BID PROCESS FOR PLAYGROUND was conducted by the FRCOG. Four bids were received, lowest bidder was disqualified for not meeting bid requirements. Recommend AWARD to next lowest eligible bidder: OMASTA LANDSCAPING-Bid award: \$168,228.18. Project is expected to start before June 1 and be completed no later than October 2022. Also recommend acceptance of ALTERNATES FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$10,260.10. Architects Berkshire Design will manage project oversight. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to award playground bid to OMASTA LANDSCAPING, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 2-0. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to AUTHORIZE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR GEOFF KRAVITZ TO SIGN BID AWARD, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 2-0.
  - BILL HILDRETH, SCHOOL BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT discussed recent BACK-UP at the BUILDING. Town's Highway Department along with Montague's Highway Department scoped the sewer pipes and surveyed other areas of concern. One of the ejector system pumps failed which has been repaired but may need replacement in the near future. No resolution regarding the cause of the backup yet; other explorations will continue.
  - OIL TANK CONDITIONS site visit at the outside underground location. Tank is approximately 32 years old, does not have a volume monitoring system and no spill containment pad. Discussions of alternate heat sources and time frames of switching to more efficient fuel sources for the future discussed. Change to a different fuel other than oil should be considered for future improvements but is not feasible for the immediate time. Mr. Hildreth recommended the Board and School Committee consider the addition of a LEAK DETECTION UNIT (\$9,000) and SPILL PROTECTION PAD (\$3,000). The tank passed a pressure test but failed the cathodic test. He recommends future planning for removal of the 10,000 gal. underground tank and replace with a 5,000 aboveground outside tank. The Leak Detection unit should be able to be transferred to a new tank.
  - The group also viewed the boiler room which houses the new #2 boiler and noting Tank #1 replacement has been ordered.
  - Mr. Hildreth then visited the sewer outtake area explaining some of the observations related to the backup.
- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022, 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second to adjourn at 6:12PM, vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,  
Town Administrator