

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Town Offices, 12 School Street

June 27, 2022

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, C. Drake-Tremblay, N. Waring, G. Kravitz

Others Present: T. Zimnowski, R. Warner

Meeting: Hybrid: in person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:32PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept MINUTES of 06/13/2022, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- **SEWER DISCUSSION:** T. Zimnowski, former resident came before the board regarding extending the sewer system to the southern end of town. He reiterated that 10 yrs. ago, funding for a study was approved. At that time, the study results indicated it was costly to expand the system and nothing has developed further. Various suggestions were offered for next steps the town could take for funding and expansion as well as challenges faced. There are limited grants funds available for septic expansions.
- **SELECTBOARD UPDATES:** Mr. Waring no report, Ms. Drake-Tremblay no report. Mr. Fydenkevez reported attending SOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (SCEMS) MEETING last week. The director notified the board that he will be on a two-month extended leave soon. Ambulance #2 has a paint issue that needs to be addressed and they are exploring purchasing a new ambulance. Discussions regarding replacing the 3rd ambulance which was Sunderland's former ambulance. The delivery timeframe for a new ambulance is currently 600 days. 2025 is a scheduled replacement year for an ambulance. SCEMS Board-of-Oversight will be discussing ambulance replacement options for FY24. SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER (SCSC) MEETING – the staff does not have a storage or dedicated work space at their current location at the Pope Paull II Center in S. Deerfield. Mr. Kravitz has explored a location and will update as details develop. There will be continued exploration of a new place for the program.
- **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**
 - Proposing use of ARPA funds to upgrade the technology in the Conference Room. Explored other towns that FCAT provides services to possibly model after. Proposed upgrades include a meeting owl camera, tripods, carts, projects, a TV or two based on needs, etc. Discussion regarding the flexibility of the upgrades available for the town's needs. Estimated cost: \$6,500. Ms. Drake-Tremblay with technology update not to exceed \$7,000 from ARPA funds, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.
 - Mr. Kravitz received notification after posting the agenda that all mandated COVID-19 SICK-TIME LAWS that were in place by the state have been extended. Presenting for discussion at next meeting to determine estimated costs and development of a draft policy would be needed.
 - 06/13/2022 meeting the Board voted to CHANGE THE SEPTAGE RATES however, it wasn't posted as a public hearing so the matter will be before the board at their next meeting. A legal add has been posted which will give the public an opportunity to comment.
 - ALTERNATIVE MOSQUITO PLAN was approved allowing the town to opt-out of spraying so the plan needs to be implemented, including production of mosquito control information. A draft will be brought before the Board.
 - EMPLOYEE WAGES and EVALUATIONS for employees. Personnel Committee has approved a template and would like to implement this year. Will forward to the Selectboard for comments.
 - This Thursday Town Administrator will be attending STAM in West Bridgewater.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. Warner thanked the Selectboard for all the work they do on behalf of the town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MGL c30A, §21 ¶ 6 To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Drake-Tremblay aye, Mr. Waring, aye, Mr. Fydenkevez aye, vote 3-0 at 7:09PM. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn.

- Town Offices will be Closed Mon. July 4th.
- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022, at 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:59PM, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator