

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Town Offices, 12 School Street

August 22, 2022

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

Others Present: A. Falbel, D. Goodwin, J. Corwin, D. Poli (remote), C. Warner, C. Bennett (remote)

Meeting: Hybrid: in person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept MINUTES of August 8, 2022, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- **PUBLIC HEARING: DISCONTINUANCE OF FLAMMABLE STORAGE LICENSES FOR 11 BRIDGE STREET AND 54 AMHERST ROAD.** Mr. Kravitz presented: License owners request licenses be rescinded. All underground tanks have been removed. Mr. Fydenkevez opened the Public Hearing at 6:31PM. Mr. Fydenkevez requested an addition to the policy to include verification of tank removal from property and obtain verification sign-off by the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief. Mr. Warner spoke about license for 11 Bridge Street noting they do not have a need for underground storage tanks in the future and wish to have the storage license rescinded. Owner of 54 Amherst Rd expressed the same but was not present. Ms. Drake-Tremblay and Mr. Waring had no further questions. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to close the hearing at 6:35PM, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to discontinue Flammable Storage Licenses for 11 Bridge Street and 54 Amherst Road, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.
- **APPOINT POLICE OFFICERS AS POLL WORKERS:** Due to recent MGL changes, the Selectboard now appoints Police Officers as Poll Workers. Town Administrator and Police Chief request the Selectboard appoint all full-time and part-time officers. The designation applies for future appointments the same as officers appointed as Alcohol Enforcement Officers. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to appoint full and part-time Sunderland Police Officers as Poll Workers, Mr. Waring second, Mr. Fydenkevez for discussion. Selection of officers serving as poll workers would be determined by police chief following the police contract designation. Ms. Drake-Tremblay aye, Mr. Waring aye, vote 3-0.
- **ENERGY COMMITTEE – TRANSFER STATION:** Mr. Falbel and Mr. Goodwin presented latest information regarding a transfer station in Sunderland. Discussion included locations, costs, and other offerings to community. The Committee has been working with Jan Ameen, Executive Director from the Franklin Solid Waste District. Is Board interested in having Energy Committee continuing to pursue. Mr. Fydenkevez feels the project merits continued exploration. Look at land options and a draft budget. Discussion regarding types of service offerings or share with another town. Mr. Waring has heard of current company's lack of professionalism and overall service to town residents. There are certain limits from DEP standards of collection tonnage but could change requirements with other collaborations if a collaboration was to be considered.
- **INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** All committee participants have been filled except for a retiree member. Members for appointment would come forward to the Selectboard.

OLD BUSINESS

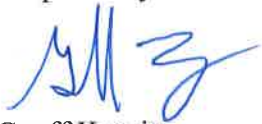
- **SELECTBOARD UPDATES:** Ms. Drake-Tremblay-nothing to report but does start this week with a meeting. Mr. Waring: nothing to report. Mr. Fydenkevez: SCSC had informational/evening event with food truck, fiddle player, and cruise show which was well attended. Several different groups/organizations attended offering information to attendees. SCSC BoO is meeting with the Deerfield Selectboard next Monday to discuss awarding of a grant for a study on the senior center and was review lease. Asked Director to explore regionalized senior centers in the state and feasibility for our area and center.

- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

- Water Commissioners met last week and implemented a Water Ban for lawn watering effective August 23-November 1, 2022, due to low aquifer levels. A CodeRED went out today.
 - This Friday, the VaxBUS will be at Deerfield Elementary School from 3:30PM-7:00PM. Registration is required and links are on the town's website.
 - Review of Meeting Room upgrades which Mr. Kravitz demoed and Mr. Fydenkevez complimented on project. Discussion of how same equipment might be extended to other groups i.e., at the school.
 - Tuesday September 6th is Primary Day with polling location at Sunderland Public Library from 7am-8pm. Complete information is on the town's website.
 - Town Offices Closed Mon. September 5, 2022, for Labor Day Observance
- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 6, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:31pm, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator