

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Town Offices, 12 School Street

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

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

Others: B. Ahearn, G. Emery, M. Martin, C. Bennett, C. Larabee-Recorder

Meeting: Hybrid: in person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:32PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept 08/22/2022 MINUTES, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0

BUSINESS

- Highway Superintendent, G. Emery requested APPOINTMENT OF MATT MARTIN AS HIGHWAY LABORER. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to appoint Matt Martin as Highway Laborer. Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0.
- B. Ahearn appeared representing the Men's Club requesting ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSES to serve Malt Beverages at the Town Park on 9/7/22, 10/5/22, 5/3/23, and 6/7/23. Mr. Fydenkevez recused himself because he is a member of the Men's Club. Ms. Drake Tremblay motion to APPROVE ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSES to BOB AHEARN for MENS CLUB EVENTS to be held at the Town Park 9/7/22, 10/5/22, 5/3/23, and 6/7/23, contingent upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance Policy coverage for each event naming the Town, Mr. Waring second, vote 2-0. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to WAIVE PERMIT FEES because they are a non-profit organization for permits on 9/7/22, 10/5/22, 5/3/23, and 6/7/23, Mr. Waring second, Vote 2-0.
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW BY DLS request as previously presented by Town Administrator for the Financial Office. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to authorize Town Administrator to REQUEST FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW BY DLS, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES: Ms. Drake-Tremblay reported the VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE met last week. Committee reviewed status of ongoing projects and discussed next steps. SCHOOL STREET IMPROVEMENTS were discussed and process to implement upgrades. Mr. Waring had nothing to report. Mr. Fydenkevez reported a SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER meeting in Deerfield where they announced receiving a \$100,000 GRANT FOR REPAIR OF THE SENIOR CENTER FROM SENATOR COMEFORD AND REPRESENTATIVE BLAIS. Discussed definition of grant award for current center or new or additional space. Deerfield is looking to repair Congregational Church but Sr. Center Director reported additional work is needed before the Center can use the space. A one-year lease has been secured in Sunderland but is an additional expense. All the expenses expended for current center use probably equal the same as the rental cost in Sunderland. Information Booth was popular with attendees at Cruise night the SCSC recently sponsored and shows there's interest in the community for more SCSC programs and services.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced the recent PASSING of ELIZABETH FOSTER who has served the town in many capacities over the years, most recently as an active member of the COUNCIL ON AGING and at the SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER. Liz's dedication, perspective and engaging smile will always be remembered fondly. Mr. Fydenkevez requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Liz and extended condolences to her family.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

- Reminder to residents that even though rain is expected, the SUNDERLAND WATER DISTRICT LAWN WATERING BAN IS STILL IN EFFECT UNTIL NOVEMBER 1ST.
- SCHOOLS are now in session at all levels and to remain vigilant with COVID and related variants.

- NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING is scheduled for MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2022. The meeting of September 12th will be cancelled until a matter comes before the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fydenkevez announced the Board will be entering EXECUTIVE SESSION under MGL c.30A, §21 ¶3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and chair so declares. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to enter into Executive Session under MGL c.30A, §21 ¶3 roll call vote: Ms. Drake-Tremblay aye, Mr. Waring aye, Mr. Fydenkevez aye at 6:55PM. The Board will return to open session only to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator