

## SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Town Offices, 12 School Street

Date: October 3, 2022

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

Others: Police Chief Demetropoulos, J. Belanger, B. Barshefsky, D. Modestow, P. Gagarin, A. Garlo-Bubs Bar-B-Q, Attorney K. Bodin, G. Emery, J. Skribiski, 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 approve MINUTES of 9/19/2022, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0.

### BUSINESS

- Appointment of JEFFERY BELANGER AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER in Sunderland. This full-time officer position was approved at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the department. He is expected to begin at the end of the month. The Chief explained the recruitment process. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to appoint Jeffrey Belanger as a full-time officer in Sunderland, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to also APPOINT OFFICER JEFFREY BELANGER as ELECTION WORKER and ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0.
- Highway Superintendent George Emery recommended the APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SKRIBISKI AS FULL-TIME HIGHWAY LABORER. Mr. Skribiski has worked for the town as a part-time employee previously. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to appoint JOHN SKRIBISKI AS FULL-TIME HIGHWAY LABORER, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.
- 6:40PM HEARING: BUB'S BAR-B-Q REQUEST for an ALL-ALCOHOL LICENSE. New ownership of business is requesting new licenses in addition to alcohol to include live outdoor entertainment Thursday-Saturday and Juke Box. Notice of hearing was publicly published and abutters were notified. Applicable town departments expressed no concerns regarding the alcohol license however, some concerns were expressed regarding general community awareness regarding request for outdoor entertainment. Mr. Fydenkevez addressed Mr. Garlo expressing the Selectboard/LLA have strict policies regarding responsible alcohol service, etc. In response to Mr. Waring's inquiry, it was noted that a controlled, defined area must be identified for outdoor alcohol service which is included in the application for "extension of premise." Mr. Garlo requested hours to be 11:00AM-1:00AM Monday-Sunday, to include serving alcohol on Sundays. Ms. Drake-Tremblay asked about number of parking spots which is believed to be between 25-30 and how to manage overage. Police Chief spoke about the outdoor alcohol area. Mr. Garlo wants to relocate the main entrance to be the current front door and eliminate any exit area outside. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0. MS. DRAKE-TREMBLAY MOTION TO MOVE THE ALL-ALCOHOL LICENSE AND ALL ASSOCIATED TRANSACTIONS WITH THAT APPLICATION AS PRESENTED, MR. WARING AYE, MR. FYDENKEVEZ FOR DISCUSSION CLARIFYING THE VOTE DID NOT INCLUDE THE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE. VOTE: MS. DRAKE-TREMBLAY AYE, MR. WARING AYE, VOTE 3-0. Applicant also requested ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE for noon-10PM, Thursday, Friday, Saturday with expected attendance between 50-100 people to be conducted only under the tent area of property. For events such as live bands, DJs, shows, trivia, i.e. no indoor entertainment will be offered or is being requested. Police Chief spoke about traffic concerns and that no parking is allowed on Rt 116 which is a state highway. "No Parking" signs will need to be put on the grass area which will be patrolled. Concerns of the noise level related to entertainment even though the town Noise bylaws does not have a decibel limit. Limit outdoor entertainment time? Mr. Garlo would like to offer music within the next weeks and then offer entertainment in the spring. Mr. Fydenkevez requests POSTPONING THE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE until 10/24/22 board meeting and asked the Town Administrator and Police Chief visit the business and review the outside site to be able to address potential issues. Mr. Garlo agreed. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to APPROVE JUKE

BOX PERMIT, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0. As the new owner, Mr. Garlo was offered an opportunity to share his future plans for Bubs Bar-Bar-Q.

- **SCHOOL UPDATES:** Mr. Barshefsky reported they have about 187 students, pre-K – 6. Every grade has two classes except for second grade. **EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND IS FULLY OPERATIONAL.** Several local businesses & town departments contributed to making this project happen which he would like to thank: Funds, Equipment and/or In-Kind Labor was offered by the following: -Community Preservation Committee allocation and town approval through Annual Town Meetings, fundraising, school committee and selectboard support and collaboration, in-kind labor from the highway department, school parent volunteers, school committee, PTO, community donations, Sunderland classes of 2019, 2020 & 2021, Daniella Zinn Memorial Fund, All States Materials Group, Delta Sand and Gravel, Kearsarge Energy, Home Depot Foundation, USA Recycling, Northampton Pediatric Dentistry, and B. Gorey Fabrication Company. Mr. Modestow recognized Mr. Barshefsky as the driving force in making this project happen and praised his diligence in keeping focus on the project. Preschool and kindergarten students are loving the space. The final project cost was about \$340,000. Reiterated thanking the businesses and town community for their continued support. They have been able to integrate the new playground into the curriculum as well by adding 9 strider bikes which allows kids to learn balance skills and progress to other elements. Board members along with School Committee member Peter Gagarin echoed their thanks for Mr. Barshefsky's work. Mr. Gagarin also thanked the Board members and the Town Administrator for their collaboration and communication with the School Committee and School Administration.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **SELECTBOARD UPDATES:** Ms. Drake-Tremblay and Mr. Waring have nothing to report. Mr. Fydenkevez: **SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER (SCSC) ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED AT 22 AMHERST RD.** SCSC Director will offer a few new programs which will be shared as developed. Thursday night the FRCOG will present their budget. FRCOG also announced the passing of Maureen Mullaney, a transportation planner who was active in several Sunderland projects over the last several years. The Town also lost a long-time member of the community, businessperson who served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years, **BARRE TOZLOSKI**. Mr. Fydenkevez offered condolences to his family.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

- **TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING and POLE HEARING** scheduled for 10/24/22 Selectboard meeting.
- Early notice for parents and youngsters – The Police Department will be out 10/31/22 from 5:30pm-7:30PM for **TRICK OR TREATING** assisting with traffic and safety matters.
- Request **APPOINTMENT** of a **BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEMBER** to the **VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE** – **KYLE SNOW OF SUGARLOAF GARDENS**. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to appoint Kyle Snow to the Village Center Committee, Mr. Waring second, Vote 3-0.
- Mr. Fydenkevez requested the **BUDGET MEMO** be distributed soon. Mr. Fydenkevez also asked the status of **CERTIFICATION OF FREE CASH AND SCHEDULE C**. Mr. Kravitz will be meeting with FRCOG staff Thursday regarding timeline update but they are hopeful they will be able to submit free cash for certification by end of month.
- **NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, 10/24/22.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,  
Town Administrator