

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Town Offices, 12 School Street

November 7, 2022

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

Others: P. Laznicka, P. Chang, L. Starr, J. Skibiski, P. Gagarin, C. Bennett,

Meeting: Hybrid: in person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept 10/31/2022 Minutes, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- Gracious Greens Update – applicant requested postponement
- 7:00PM Pole Hearing continuation: Mr. Kravitz read public meeting notice. NStar/Eversource representative appeared to present request, requesting owners in attendance. Abutter notification postcards sent 10.12.2022. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to close hearing, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0 at 7:12PM. No further comments from property owners or audience. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to approve pole request as presented on Russell Street, near house #136, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.
- ARPA Requests:
 - Ms. Starr, representing the VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE needs to do a visioning exercise and requests \$50,000 to hire a consultant for planning, landscaping, transportation plan for center of town and alternatives at Rt 116 & 47 intersection. This is needed to prepare an RFP for a consultant for scope of work. DOT reports Sunderland is not on the 5-year plan for Rt 116 and Rt 47 Village Center.
 - Ms. Starr requested \$75,000 to advance the SCHOOL STREET project. A design was previously approved and needs to be finalized to qualify for grants. Town has to do upfront work to get it shovel ready. Ms. Drake-Tremblay stated the school Street project was necessary and would connect the other elements. Mr. Waring also agrees with the School Street project and study required. Mr. Fydenkevez noted the plan discussed should be reviewed again since it was discussed prior to COVID. Mr. Kravitz to put requests on next agenda and bring School Street plans before the board again.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES: Ms. Drake-Tremblay and Mr. Waring had no reports. Mr. Fydenkevez noted the South County Senior Center (SCSC) BoO met last week and tentatively authorized to send letter to Deerfield contingent on the BoO vote for letter of support for feasibility study of congregational church only and long-range senior services plan for region. SCSC Director requesting the Outreach Coordinator be a full time, 37.5 hr/wk position which is currently 15hrs/wk. Director also requesting an administrative support position. He also visited SANDERSON PLACE last week with Mr. Kravitz which is finalizing move-in for December.
- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:
 - Mr. Kravitz met with SENATOR COMERFORD'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR, ELENA COHEN to tour new town projects: Riverside Park restrooms, Kayak Kiosk, Riverwalk and Overlook, Sanderson Place, North 116 Flatts and the early education playground at Sunderland Elementary.
 - FY24 BUDGET MEMO requests two budgets from departments: one request for level service budgets and second to include top priorities for expanded services with budget costs, justification, etc. Board advises Mr. Kravitz send letter to Departments.

- RIVERSIDE PARK DONATION POLICY FOR \$5,000 donation. Policy specifies use for labor and materials for the riverwalk maintenance and paved surfaces. The policy will be combined with prior park donation policy and will be maintained in the Policy and Riverside Park files.
- Next Selectboard meeting is November 21, 2022
- Tomorrow is Election Day at the Sunderland Library, 7am-8pm.
- Town Offices closed Thurs. November 10th in observance of Veterans Day which is November 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn, Mr. Waring Second, vote 3-0 at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator