

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Sunderland Town Offices, 12 School Street

May 1, 2023

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

Others: C. Bennett, W. Houle, S. Bergeron, M. Fydenkevez, J. Fydenkevez, J. Fydenkevez, M. Nartowicz

Meeting Hybrid and In-person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept MINUTES of 04/24/2023, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- Board accepted LETTER RESIGNATION OF BOB AHEARN FROM THE SOUTH COUNTY EMS BOARD OF OVERSIGHT. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept resignation, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0, with regrets. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Bob for his many years of service to the program and for his leadership over the years. In addition, individuals such as Gary Stone, Matt Russo and Mary Ellen Ahearn, as well as others whose efforts were also instrumental in this successful program. Thank you Bob for your service.
- Board comments on the ATM: Ms. Drake-Tremblay was pleased with the meeting. Mr. Waring liked the level of involvement from members of the town. Mr. Fydenkevez noted the same sentiments and said four things were needed for an Annual Town Meeting (ATM); A Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Warrant and the residents. He suggested next year having a brief presentation of the budget before opening discussions with the ATM attendees. The town increased coverage of employee Health Insurance Premiums to 65% upon recommendation of the Insurance Advisory Committee which was formed last year. Previously the town offered 60% coverage. Mr. Fydenkevez recognized the efforts of the Insurance Advisory Committee. Also, for the first time in years a new part-time position was added to the Town Offices. He recognized the presence of our Town Counsel, David Jenkins who is a Sr. partner of KP-Law who still attends our meetings which is where we are unique to many other communities.
- Mr. Kravitz's commented on a successful meeting with the efforts of staff, board members and new Moderator, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Waring attending his first ATM as a newly elected Selectboard member last year.
- Ms. Drake-Tremblay has known Mr. Fydenkevez in a variety of ways over the years. She noted he always had the best interests of the town and appreciated all the help he has given her during her first 2 years as a Selectboard member. Mr. Kravitz presented Mr. Fydenkevez with a town mug, a commemorative 300th anniversary coin and Volume III of the History of Sunderland in recognition of his 24 years on the Selectboard.
- Mr. Fydenkevez and Mr. Kravitz will be attending a meeting in Deerfield on 05/03/2023 at the Deerfield Congregational Church for possible new home of South County Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bergeron commented on the many years he and Mr. Fydenkevez worked together as Selectboard members and on other groups. He congratulated Mr. Fydenkevez on his retirement from the Selectboard and offered best wishes in future endeavors. He knew Mr. Fydenkevez has been waiting to pursue other interests and still participate in town government in other ways. He also thanked his wife and daughters for sharing him with the town and his pursuits on behalf of Sunderland recognizing that

Selectboard members have many commitments with the community for the position and an understanding family. Prior Town Administrator M. Nartowicz, made comments regarding her time in Sunderland and congratulated Mr. Fydenkevez.

- Other Dates: Annual Town Election: Sat. May 6, 2023 from 8AM-1PM at the Public Library.
- Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn, Mr. Waring second, vote 3-0 at :00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator