

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Sunderland Town Offices, 12 School Street

October 30, 2023

Attending: N. Waring, C. Drake-Tremblay, D. Murphy, G. Kravitz

Others: J. Kowaleck, M. Skibiski, M. Kowaleck, D. Zaraozinki-Board of Assessors, C. Larabee-reporter, C. Bennett-remote

Meeting Hybrid and In-person

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept MINUTES of 10/23/2023, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- BOARD OF ASSESSORS: 2024 TAX RATE RECOMMENDATION for various classification categories. There has been increases of 13% in residential values, 7% for all other categories. 0% of the tax rate is residential, 5% commercial, 1.5% industrial and remainder is personal property. Town would need at least 25% in commercial property to allow different tax rates. No open space available for tax discount. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept SINGLE TAX RATE FOR ALL CATEGORIES, with NO OPEN SPACE, COMMERCIAL, or INDUSTRIAL DISCOUNTS, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0.
- UNPAID SEWER TAX BILLS –20 properties for 40 sewer units at \$316.63 tax rate for each unit plus \$58.94 late fees, totally \$15,022.80. Approximate same number of properties as last year, unknown if same properties. Request Treasurer Collector survey other communities on how they handle reduction and collection of delinquent accounts. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to include overdue sewer fees to owner's tax bills, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0.
- DAN MURPHY as SELECTBOARD LIAISON WITH MASSDOT. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to Appoint Dan Murphy as Selectboard Liaison with MASSDOT, Mr. Waring second, vote 2-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS

- ARPA spending for street lights direction – information not finalized by time of meeting.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

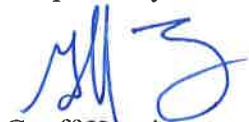
- Board members had no reports.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE – kickoff Nov 15th to meet with town officials and get business feedback. Stakeholders meeting 1-4PM and evening invite to boards and committees, evening time TBA.
- ACCOUNTING UPDATE – Free Cash numbers expected next week. Waiting on report from Assessors and information from old accounting system to finalize.
- HALLOWEEN HOURS for TRICK-O-TREATERS per SUNDERLAND PD: 10/31/2023 5:30PM-7:30. Officers will be out in the community during noted trick-o-treating times.
- BACKHOE LOADER, as part of the Capital Improvement Plan with the override, included first year payment approval. The loader has been delivered earlier than expected which was Feb, 2024. Finance documents will be available for Board's signature next meeting.
- NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING is scheduled for November 6, 2023.
- TOWN OFFICES CLOSED – November 9th for Veterans Day Observation

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0 at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator