SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Sunderland Town Offices, 12 School Street

December 4,, 2023

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

Others: C. Bennett, J. Unkles, C. Larabee-reporter

Meeting Hybrid and In-person with portions recorded by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept MINUTES of 11/27/2023, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0. <u>BUSINESS</u>

- SEWER RELINING PROJECT DISCUSSION tabled for future meeting
- CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ON MIDDLE MOUNTAIN RD. PROPERTY: Conservation Commission (Concom) Chair Jennifer Unkles discussed seven acres on Middle Mountain Rd. ConCom is interested in obtaining for wildlife habitat. They would hold conservation restrictions for property. Appraisal done and cost is \$15,000 to be paid from ConCom trust. Property has an established legal easement. Seller would like to continue to hay and will work with ConCom. Mr. Murphy motion for Conservation Commission to purchase rights of property, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
- 2024 CLASS II LICENSES and 2024 COMMON VICTUALLER (non-alcohol licenses holders): list presented and all meet requirements. Mr. Murphy motion to grant 2024 Class II and Common Victualler (non-alcohol license holders) licenses as presented, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
- MVP GRANT APPLICATION for DIRT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Grant opportunity for permitting and improvements on dirt roads. If received, it would allow for funds to review Reservoir Rd.-high priority due to erosion, then Middle Mountain Rd. and Cross Mountain Rd. Mr. Kravitz plans to apply for the grant which is due in 10 days.
- 23 PLUMTREE RD. PROPERTY: Property sale price is \$1.95 million, is 12,000+ sq. ft. and town has been reviewing property for uses, i.e., South County Senior Center relocation and other town government purposes. \$100,000 grant received could be used to modify the building; funds must be used by 06/30/2024. SELECTBOARD UPDATES
- Mr. Waring had no reports. Ms. Drake-Tremblay reported participating in SoCEMS Chief candidate interviews. Mr. Murphy report trail review for UMASS extension to Sunderland is not on their priority list and he will pursue prioritizing that goal.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- Resource Administrator Maureen Nichols started today. Her desk will be in the center area of the 1st floor and invited folks to stop in.
- MBI BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GAP NETWORKS GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT. Requested Board's interest in sending letter of support to Comcast for the Middle Mile Grant to allow all residents to connect to broadband. Mr. Murphy motion to write letter of support, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: motion to adjourn, second, vote 3-0 at 7:16PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator