

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Place: Sunderland Town Offices, 12 School Street

December 18, 2023

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

Others: Chief Demetropoulos, Alyssa Farnham, Bill Canon, Rich Brynda, C. Bennett

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 12.11.2023, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- **PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT:** Police Chief Demetropoulos introduced Alyssa Farnham to the Board recommending appointment as a Part-Time Police Officer. She has all the required training for this position. Mr. Murphy motion to appoint Alyssa Farnham as a Part-Time Police Officer, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
- **PICKLEBALL COURT UPDATE:** Designer Bill Canon reviewed the preliminary plans for construction. Location will be adjacent to the volleyball court. Best orientation for Pickleball Courts is North/South. Courts cannot be located on the other side of the baseball field due to required 200' buffer zone at the river. Courts will be asphalt and painted with blue rubber surface and other markings as required for the sport. A maintenance free black vinyl clad fencing will be added. 6' fence is recommended but a higher fence was discussed. Mr. Kravitz will research other towns, if the heights are 6' in other towns, then the town will accept this height.
- **SEWER RELINING PROJECT DISCUSSION:** Mr. Brynda, Project Manager, Warner Bros. town contractor for WWTP operations. Last sewer relining was 15 years ago. Areas are monitored and cleaned yearly to maintain since pipes are clay, are aging, and susceptible to cracks, roots growing within. Next relining will be necessary in the future and planning should begin soon.
- **OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION SCHEDULE:** Mr. Kravitz noted the following presentations were scheduled: 01.08.24-Library, 01.16.24-Police/Fire, 01.21.24-Sr Center/Selectboard, 01.29.24-Town Office Departments, 2.5.24-SoCEMS, 2.12.24-FCTS, 2.19.24-Offices closed for holiday, 2.26.24-none schedule due to Town Admin schedule, 3.4.24 and 3.12.24 SES & FRS Budget Hearings-Board and Finance Committee invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- **23 PLUMTREE** – Board requests holding an OPEN HOUSE for public to tour facility.
- **ARPA REQUEST - \$4,000 for KAYAK KIOSK BENCHES and SCREENS** which are needed to complete project. UMASS has offered to cut materials and assist with final construction during their winter break. Mr. Murphy motion to award \$4,000 from ARPA funds to Kayak Kiosk benches and screens, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.
ARPA REQUEST \$320 for Prevailing Wage which was not included in the FIRE DEPARTMENT CO DETECTOR project quote. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to allocate \$320 from ARPA funds for prevailing wage, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0.
Mr. Kravitz noted \$150,451.82 was unencumbered after these expenditures.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

- Mr. Waring attended a preliminary Police Union Negotiations meeting. Ms. Drake-Tremblay and Mr. Murphy had no reports.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- Mr. Kravitz announced an additional \$107,594 in Chapter 90 will be received and expressed thanks to our elected officials for their efforts. The funds can be used as other Chapter 90 funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) paragraph 3: *To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Vote to Enter Executive Session: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0. Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session and return to open meeting only to adjourn: Ms. Drake-Tremblay-aye, Mr. Murphy-aye, Mr. Waring-aye at 7:30PM.*

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn, Mr. Murphy second, vote 3-0 at 8:28PM.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED: December 25, 2023 and January 2, 2024.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz,
Town Administrator