

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes
Town Office Building
Monday, January 27, 2020

Attending: S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez

Guests: Representative Natalie Blais, Senator Jo Comerford, Darius Modestow, Selectboard members from Conway, Deerfield and Whately.

Meeting is being televised and recorded by FCAT
Meeting called to order at 6:06PM.

Mr. Bergeron opened the meeting by thanking Rep Blais, Senator Comerford and district Selectboard's for coming.

Rep Blais and Senator Comerford provided an update of activities they've been involved in, including topics such as Student Opportunity Act Passage, Rural Communities Aid, 21st Century Innovation Fund. Selectboard members expressed appreciation for their efforts and had an opportunity to relay concerns involving their communities and Franklin County. Expanded efforts necessary in the areas of senior transportation opportunities and affordable senior housing. School challenges were also addressed, particularly related to SPED needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara Snyder spoke regarding 2 CPC applications that should be applied for by the town. The applications would require electronic signatures from the Chair. Ms. Snyder explained there are 6 CPA applications, 2 from the town. One application is the \$2,800 interest on the borrowing. The interest wasn't included in the budget that was presented at Town Meeting. The 2nd application is the design services for the baseball & soccer fields. The estimate from Berkshire Design is \$7,560. The next design aspect is the for the bathroom which is about \$14,000; total project cost \$22,060. The designs are required to be eligible to apply for the next PARC grant round. The Town Administrator should be the contact, Mr. Bergeron said he would sign the application with the vote of the board. Mr. Pierce motion to authorize Chair to sign 2 town applications, Mr. Fydenkevez 2nd, Vote 3-0. Other proposals received: pollinator garden, 40-acres on Mt. Toby, Kayak Shed and conceptual design for town trail system.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Fydenkevez motion to sign TOWN CAUCUS WARRANT with note to change "Selectmen" to "Selectboard," Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Mr. Fydenkevez motion for discussion, to sign PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PRIMARY WARRANT with note to change "Selectmen" to "Selectboard." Mr. Fydenkevez explained the importance of the Presidential Primary Warrant. Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Appoint Meghan Arquin to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0. Ms. Arquin will fill the vacant Recreation Committee seat; Mr. Pierce motion on modification, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to accept 01/21/2020 Minutes, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- Next Meeting – 02/03/2020
- Closed – 02/17/2020 – President's Day Observance

BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

- Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Rep. Blais and. Senator Comerford for visiting. It is a strong sign that they are reaching out to towns and talking about local community issues.
- Mr. Bergeron was pleased to hear the level of detail that they've been working on.
- Mr. Pierce will be attending a Personnel Committee meeting tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:46PM, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Bennett
Administrative Assistant