

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2020

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

Others present: E. Crowe, A. Kajstura, F. Mozea, W. Powers, J. Kowaleck, M. Skibiski, M. Kowaleck, E. Foster, W. Houle, H. Davis, C. Bennett, E. Demetropoulos, T. Quinlan, T. Foster,

Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:32PM.

APPOINTMENT

- Budget Hearing – Town Office Departments
 - Ms. T. Foster presented the ASSESSORS' OFFICE BUDGET. It was noted that the excise tax would no longer be rounded to the closest \$50, but be an exact amount and that solar PILOT payment calculations would also be changed. The property tax for 116 Flats will be based on what existed on January 1, 2020, and, if the apartments are fully furnished, personal property tax will also be assessed. Personnel Committee to act on review of the Assessors' Assistant salary.
 - Ms. Houle presented the TOWN CLERK'S BUDGET. Ms. Houle noted that this is an election year and early voting for the Presidential Primary will be the week of February 24, Monday 8am-6pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 8am-4pm, Thursday & Friday 8am-12pm.
 - Ms. Davis presented the TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S BUDGET. The budget was based on the town contributing 60% of the health insurance premium and the Selectboard asked for calculations if the town contributed 65%. Ms. Davis noted that the Tax Title amount fluctuates, and Mr. Bergeron suggested a discussion of whether this should be a Town Meeting warrant article. 6/1/21 will be the last payments on the library and public safety.
 - Mr. Quinlan presented the BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. He noted that the Hadley Building Commissioner was retiring and there might be an opportunity for shared services with Hadley.
- Ms. E. Foster was recognized to announce the repopulation of the COUNCIL ON AGING and to invite the public to the first public meeting at 10am on 2/11.
- Budget Hearing – Police Department. Chief Demetropoulos presented the POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. The presentation included a capital budget request to replace and purchase approximately 20 firearms. Chief Demetropoulos also noted that he is jointly applying with the Fire Department for new radios.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to accept minutes of 01/27/20, Mr. Bergeron second for discussion, vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron noted the Sunderland Capital Improvement Planning Committee did a walkthrough of the elementary school

NEW BUSINESS

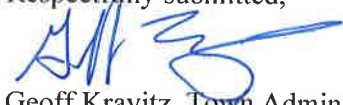
- The Annual Town Meeting Calendar was presented and reviewed.
- Surplus equipment request: Highway one-ton sander. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to surplus the sander, Mr. Pierce 2nd, Vote 3-0.
- R. Lopatka: Personnel Committee Resignation. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to accept Mr. Lopatka's resignation, Mr. Pierce 2nd (with regrets), Vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron noted that there is now an opening on the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Pierce motion to enter into Executive Session under MGL c.30A, §21 (a), ¶7: to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general law or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements. Mr. Fydenkevez 2nd. Roll call vote: Mr. Pierce: aye, Mr. Fydenkevez: aye, Mr. Bergeron: aye, Vote 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to return to open session to adjourn at 8:21PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator