

Selectboard Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019
Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, Tom Fydenkevez, S. Patch

Others: Megan Rhodes-FRCOG, S. Snyder, P. Gagarin, T. Quinlan-Building Inspector, L. Eriksen-Wild
Roots

Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

APPOINTMENT

ADA PRESENTATION – Megan Rhodes, FRCOG. Sunderland ADA Transition/Self-evaluation Plan. Technical Assistance grant was awarded last fall. FRCOG was been contracted to provide Technical Assistant for the project which includes review of buildings, land, programs and services. The Plan outlines recommendations, and priorities and provide an action plan. Initial review demonstrates infrastructure is in pretty good shape. The town's website is considered ADA compliant and accessible. There are a few issues with infrastructure. The town can apply for waivers for historical buildings such as Graves. Some buildings which are inaccessible such as the Highway Garage can make services available in other accessible buildings such as the Town Office Building if needed. Priorities will be outlined in the report.

WILD ROOTS-ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE application submitted by Luke Eriksen. Mr. Eriksen requests an Entertainment Permit. Would like to initially hold an acoustic event, which will be a ticketed event to limit attendees. Event will be indoors and allow 20-25 people.

Mr. Pierce Motion to include annual Entertainment License to 11PM for music. Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0. Mr. Pierce Motion to include allowance of entertainment indoor/outdoor, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0. Ms. Patch will work on language with applicant. Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to approve as presented and modified, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.

KITCHEN GARDEN ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE requested by Caroline Pam. The Kitchen Garden request licenses for Farm Table Dinners 6/23/2019, 7/21/2019, 8/10/2019. Additional application submitted for the Annual Chilifest to be held 9/14-15, 2019 at Mike's Maze on S. Main Street. Mr. Pierce Motion to approve Farm Dinners Temporary Liquor Licenses as requested, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, 3-0. Mr. Pierce Motion to approve Chilifest Temporary Liquor License as presented, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Pierce Motion to accept the Minutes of 6/3/2019, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROAD SIGNAGE REQUEST - Tammy Thompson met with the board. Ms. Thompson operates a dance studio on North Mountain Road reports that GPS sends people left (onto Claybrook) ruining people's vehicles. She reports it is dangerous and purchased signs advertising her dance studio direction, but they were stolen. Would like the town to erect signs with arrows identifying the logging road which isn't maintained and needs to direct from Claybrook. She has reported issue to Highway Superintendent. Board to consider site visit to the area.

Mr. Quinlan presented the two Building Permit fee schedule options to the Selectboard for consideration. Mr. Pierce Motion to accept Option 1 fee schedule, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez also requested Mr. Quinlan's input if there are issues or discrepancies with the town's zoning bylaws.

Aaron Falbel from the Energy Committee reported on the Aggregation. Colonial Power includes wood derived biomass. At the last meeting, the energy Committee recommended rejecting biomass for 3 reasons: problematic, not carbon neutral and wood more polluting than all other fossil fuels and, biomass does not

reduce carbon. A handout was presented to the Board. Committee recommends not using class I renewables. Aggregation Survey results collected so far: 125 responses received to date and they are still accepting surveys. 113 responses online and 12 paper surveys completed, paper surveys are being collected at the Town Offices and Library.

Ms. Snyder reported the Community Pathways Committee is working on a conceptual plan to bring to the town.

Mr. Gagarin indicated he was interested in being appointed to the Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Pierce Motion to appoint, Mr. Bergeron Second, Vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

- Mr. Pierce reported:
Had last Union 38 negotiations meeting, it decided to go into remediation.
- Mr. Fydenkevez reported:
Director has been with the SCSC for a year. Services include a nurse available at the Deerfield Town Hall on Wednesday with no appointments necessary. Shine organization as counselors from Lifepath servicing health information needs for everyone, Lifepath are available in Greenfield and can be contacted at 773-5555 or call the Senior Center. Free drug collection available at the Sunderland and Deerfield Police Department drop-off boxes. A Health Clinic is available at the Amherst Survival Center open to everyone. Triad of Franklin County has many senior assistance programs as well. Community Health Center offers health and dental services – located in Orange, Greenfield and Turners Falls. There are many services and activities available at the SCSC to the town's seniors and encourages everyone eligible to take advantage of those or other areas they can connect you with. SCSC Donation wish list is available online. Consumer Protection Unit for Franklin County services are also available to seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

Diana Schindler, Deerfield's Interim Town Administrator presented the SCEMS Lease. Ms Schindler advised that the BoO voted to support the lease in January. Each member town must sign the Lease. The lease is in FY19 budget and signing now will allow Deerfield to bill the town's assessments. This is a 5-year multi-year contract and counsel has reviewed and the recommended changes were made. The BoO discussed designated funds for maintenance with a perpetual fund. Interior of building is SCEMS responsibility but building structure and capital expenses related to building is responsibility of the town through this special fund. Ms. Schindler will check with accountant. Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to sign SCEMS lease, Mr. Pierce Second for discussion, Vote 3-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mass DOT Capital Improvement Plans for 2019-2024. Open Comment period for the public was available. Many comments were sent by the public who were interested in the rotary (round-about) but have no funds allocated at this point. Comments were circulated to Rep. Blais, FRCOG and Senator Comerford who all wrote letters of support of funding for the rotary and requested funding be allocated sooner if available and move project forward. Mr. Fydenkevez cautioned to move slowly and review all the options. Rotaries are not necessarily the answer to our issue. He noted the option proposed for Sunderland is at the top end of the design capacity and may not allow for growth in the future nor being a long-term solution. Suggests a study be requested for best solution to the area. FRCOG has offered to host meeting to discuss options. The Selectboard would request MassDOT hold a public hearing to discuss with the town. The intersection is a regional junction and needs action. Ms. Snyder stated the 2014 Road Safety Audit recommendation asked for the rotary consideration.

Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to FY20 reappoint employees and committee, board and commission members as presented on list, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.

The Chair noted all Volunteer Committee vacancies available for interested community members. The list is also on the town's website.

Motion Mr. Pierce to rescind Police Department Firearms Trainer appointment for the remainder of the year, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.

The Board thanked Melissa Perot for her service on the Pathways Committee.

Next meeting scheduled for July 1, 2019, 6:30PM.

Mr. Pierce Motion to adjourn at 8:37PM, Mr. Fydenkevez, Second, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sherry Patch", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator

