

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2020

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

Others present: P. Gagarin, Fire Chief S. Benjamin, K. Hand, C. Bennett, J. Corwin, W. Houle, M. Wisseman, C. Rock, B. Barshefsky, G. Gottschalk, J. Perot, D. Snow

Meeting via Zoom recorded and televised by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve minutes of May 4, 2020, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY UPDATE: C. Rock updated the Selectboard on the best practices for reopening and the Governor's latest guidance. Sunderland is reporting the number of open and closed cases of COVID-19 in the community and contact tracing is being conducted by the Public Health Nurse. The Board of Health designated the Sunderland Police Department as agents to enforce the Governor's face covering order through education and community policing efforts.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: The Selectboard took the following votes on ATM motions:

Article 25: Mr. Pierce motion to recommend with the amendments that cost should not exceed \$28,000, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

Article 25: Mr. Fydenkevez motion to add to the motion that the funds come from the Sewer Reserve fund, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Article 18: The Town Administrator had discussions with the Community Preservation Committee Chair and Treasurer, who agreed that this article to rebalance the CPA funds was not ready. Mr. Pierce motion to remove, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Article 20: The Town Administrator spoke with the Highway Superintendent and Town Accountant who concurred that this article related to Snow & Ice Deficit was not necessary. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to remove, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Article 26: At the last meeting, it was discussed that the article authorizing the purchase of property for drinking water protection was not necessary because the purchase was being performed by the Sunderland Water District. Mr. Pierce motion to remove, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING LOGISTICS: The possibility of holding ATM outdoors was discussed, as were the date, time, and location. It was recommended that Riverside Park, behind the Town Office Building could be a location because of access to electricity. Mr. Pierce motion for Annual Town Meeting to occur at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 6, 2020, behind the Town Office Building, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

RESTAURANT GROCERS: Ms. Snow stated that the Blue Heron is offering pickup of prepared meals Thursday through Sunday and would also like to offer customers the ability to purchase groceries via curbside pickup. Outreach to the ZBA and Planning Board to invite them to the May 18 meeting for further discussion about what steps need to be taken to accomplish this.

FY21 BUDGET: Discussion about estimating revenues in an uncertain fiscal environment. The Town is estimating that state aid will be reduced by 20% and it was recommended that the schools estimate a similar 20% reduction in Chapter 70 funding.

FIRE AIR PACKS: Chief Benjamin noted that air packs are necessary PPE regardless of COVID to protect firefighters performing their regular duties. Given the fiscal situation and existing funds, the proposal is to purchase 6 air packs and related equipment in FY20, which would outfit the new fire engine.

EMERGENCY DISPENSING SITE PLAN: The draft plan for an indoor, drive through emergency dispensing site at the public safety complex was discussed for dispensing vaccines or conducting testing during inclement weather. The details need to be fleshed out more, but it is a solid first draft.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator requested authorization to hire an appraiser and review appraiser for the acquisition of easements required for the North Main Street reconstruction project. Mr. Pierce motion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Geoff Kravitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Geoff" is written with a large, stylized "G" and "K". The last name "Kravitz" is written in a more standard cursive script.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator