

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, G. Kravitz
Others present: L. Smith, J. Pelletier, P. Gagarin, C. Bennett, W. Houle, G. Gottschalk, J. Corwin
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve minutes of May 26, 2020, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint Molly Wickline and Katherine Hand as election workers, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: Additional orders for PPE have been made. The last regularly scheduled large meeting of emergency management directors and public health officials was held, indicating that things are getting better. People are advised to stay vigilant and safe in order to for things to continue to improve.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING LOGISTICS: The Board reviewed the map of the seating area, which will be laid out in 6x6 foot grids with aisles for walking. There will be volunteers to clean the microphones between uses. Town Meeting members will receive a packet when they check in with handouts, voting cards, and motions. If there is inclement weather, the Moderator, Town Clerk, and Selectboard will postpone the meeting and the information will go out via a CodeRED alert and be posted on the website.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS: The Town Clerk noted that to maintain social distancing, only two people will be allowed to vote at a time.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS: Mr. Pierce motion to recommend Article 3 of the motions, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Pierce stated that Union 38 negotiations were beginning this week. Mr. Fydenkevez commented on the national response to the death of George Floyd and stressed the importance of listening to what people are saying and staying true to our values. Mr. Bergeron noted that pressure has been building because of the pandemic and that the occurrence was a new low point for the country. He expressed hope that the country will rebound from this low.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gagarin asked about the IRS Employer Shared Responsibility Payment article. Mr. Bergeron stated that the town successfully reduced the amount to be paid and it is not expected to recur. The Selectboard had looked into increasing the employer contribution to insurance, which would have ensured it would not happen again, but it was not financially feasible this year due to the economic impact of the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator