

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes  
Monday, June 8, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, G. Kravitz  
Others present: L. Smith, J. Pelletier, P. Gagarin, W. Houle, G. Gottschalk  
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.  
Meeting called to order at 6:31PM.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. Bergeron turned meeting over to the Town Administrator to accept nominations for Re-Organization of the Selectboard. Mr. Kravitz entertained nominations for Chair. Mr. Fydenkevez nominated Mr. Pierce as Chair, Mr. Bergeron second. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to close nominations, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0. A roll call vote on the nomination was taken. Mr. Bergeron: Aye. Mr. Fydenkevez: Aye. Mr. Pierce: Aye.

Mr. Kravitz requested nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Bergeron nominated Mr. Fydenkevez as Vice Chair, Mr. Pierce second. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to close nominations, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0. A roll call vote on the nomination was taken. Mr. Pierce: Aye. Mr. Bergeron: Aye. Mr. Fydenkevez: Abstain.

Mr. Kravitz requested nominations for Clerk. Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Bergeron as Clerk, second Mr. Fydenkevez. Mr. Pierce motion to close nominations, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0. A roll call vote on the nomination was taken. Mr. Pierce: Aye. Mr. Fydenkevez: Aye. Mr. Bergeron: Aye.

Mr. Kravitz turned meeting over to Mr. Bergeron.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint Mr. Bergeron to represent the Selectboard in negotiations with Police Officers Union Local 398, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve minutes of June 1, 2020, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECAP: Mr. Fydenkevez offered his thanks to residents for attending and all those who helped make Town Meeting successful, including staff and volunteers. Mr. Bergeron added that the audio worked well and thanked FCAT. In the future, considerations of shaded areas and wind protection for papers were discussed. The colored voting cards worked well and should be considered as a permanent device in the future.

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: Ms. Smith stated that the situation is returning to some semblance of normalcy with regard to restaurants and retail beginning to reopen. With regard to ending the State of Emergency, the Town will continue to follow the Governor's lead. Discussion of the outdoor dining emergency order in Phase II of the reopening and the ability for an expedited process to accommodate outdoor dining. Mr. Kravitz reviewed the plans for reopening the Town Office building. Residents will continue to receive services until the infrastructure is in place to safely reopen.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez updated the Board about the South County EMS meeting, which are seeing a significant reduction in ambulance calls. All ambulances are being cleaned between runs and are available for emergency use. Mr. Pierce stated that the Union 38 negotiation meeting was cancelled. Mr. Bergeron noted negotiations with the Police Officers Union will begin shortly and thanked them for their patience.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Kravitz stated that paving will commence this week on North and South Plain Roads. The Open Space and Recreation Committee will be holding a public meeting via Zoom on June 18 at 7:15PM. Information about the municipal energy aggregation program will be posted on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Houle thanked election workers and police officers for their assistance with the election, which went well. Mr. Gottschalk commended the Selectboard for forgoing their salaries this year and expressed hope that it would be a one-time occurrence.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Kravitz', written over a horizontal line.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator