

Selectboard Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2019
Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch
Absent: Tom Fydenkevez,
Others: P. Gagarin, J. Corwin-Silva
Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:37PM.

Mr. Bergeron thanked everyone who participated in the Riverside Park opening festivities and creation of the park. Thank you to the House and Senate for the Riverside Park Proclamation, Rep. Blais for participating in the ribbon cutting opening ceremonies and to the Town Meeting body for their participation and support of this project.

SCHOOL CHOICE UPDATE

Mr. Gagarin gave an update on school choice and the budget as it stands currently. He noted during the budget process, many decisions cannot be finalized, and one must proceed on assumption until all factors have been reported. Outgoing expense is up \$30,000, the incoming is approximately \$60,000; data is still being reviewed. School administration is following accountability of School Choice numbers for accuracy. New business manager has joined the district. Costs can fluctuate depending on student residency location which may not have been in Sunderland or who may be attending another school. Data reporting regarding students, etc. is due to the state October 1. Prior discussions involved a sustainable budget and how are choice funds being utilized and what policies are being reviewed/implemented and will be ongoing matter on the School Committee Agendas. Turnover with new Business Manager and prior group is ongoing and should be completed soon.

Safer Schools Grant was awarded to Sunderland for \$35,000 which was a joint effort with the schools, police and fire departments. ADA Grant related to Capital for the grant round. Mr. Gagarin suggests school review recommendations and have input with priorities.

MINUTES

Mr. Pierce Motion to accept the Minutes of 7/1/2019, Mr. Bergeron Second, Vote 2-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

- Mr. Pierce noted the committee is waiting for dates for Union 38 negotiation mediation.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- School Street ADA Manhole – saw cut road on Wednesday, construction on Thursday and cleanup on Friday. Residents and businesses should not experience any service interruptions and everyone was notified of the upcoming work.

NEW BUSINESS

- Town Center Committee Draft Charge review – different focus than N. Main St. Suggested a listening process be held. Role of consultant is to help us see options and impacts. Committee Charge taken under advisement for 7.29.19 meeting.
- 120 N. Main Street – RDI secured 1st round funding for the Senior Housing Project.
- Voting equipment update– Mr. Pierce Motion to use ImageCast Precinct Optical Scanner Voting equipment and discontinue Accuvote Tabulator effective 8/1/19 per MGL c54 §34. This equipment was in the Capital Equipment budget of the April 2019 ATM. The Board needs to vote to dispense with discontinued equipment. Mr. Bergeron Second, to discontinue Accuvote Tabulator and include

ImageCast Precinct Optical Scanner Voting equipment as requested by the town Clerk at future elections. Vote 2-0. Recommend information be put online regarding the equipment changes.

- Sludge Disposal FY20 contract. Mr. Pierce Motion to accept annual contract as presented, Mr. Bergeron Second, Vote 2-0.
- Appointments to Historical Commission: Margaret Orelup and Jessica Skibiski. Mr. Bergeron Motion, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 2-0.

Next meeting scheduled for July 29, 2019, 7:44PM.

Mr. Pierce Motion to adjourn at 8:37PM, Mr. Bergeron, Second, Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator