

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz
Others present: P. Gagarin, L. Smith, J. Pelletier
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:36PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of September 21, 2020, Mr. Pierce second, vote 2-0.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: Ms. Smith stated that there was one new close contact and three new positive cases in Sunderland reported. Information on new cases is received by the Public Health Nurse, who notifies the Emergency Management Director, who passes the information along to the Police and Fire departments.

BENCHMARKS FOR EMPLOYEE WAGE ADJUSTMENTS: Real estate tax collections so far have amounted to approximately 85% of the amount billed. The legislature is expecting to pass a budget for FY21 in October and revenue is anticipated to be \$1.6 and \$6 billion below initial estimates.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES: The Town Administrator stated that the annual license fee for Wine & Malt is currently \$700 and for all alcohol is \$1,400. More information is necessary regarding what the fee covers and what other costs are associated with the license. Mr. Bergeron noted that if the Board takes action, it should not set a precedent.

BOAT RAMP PERMIT REQUEST FOR 10/19 AND 10/20: Concerns were raised by Fish and Wildlife about the availability of parking spaces to the general public. Mr. Bergeron motion to approve the permit with the condition that vehicles associated with the event park behind the Town Office Building, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Mr. Bergeron moved to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule as presented, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0. It was noted that legislation was passed making June 19 (Juneteenth) a state holiday, but that additional work needs to be done to understand the implications of the new holiday.

SELECTBOARD SCHEDULING: The Town Administrator presented the idea of Department Heads participating more regularly in Selectboard meetings. The Town Administrator will present a draft schedule for further discussion.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez updated the Selectboard about a South County Senior Center meeting to discuss foot clinics for seniors and how that can be accomplished in a safe way. He also thanked the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and Jan Ameen for the successful hazardous waste collection program.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator provided an update on local elections, including that ballots have not yet been received and that people can vote by mail, early in person at 12 School Street, and in person on election day at the Sunderland Public Library. Sample ballots and more information is available on the Town's website. The Town is applying for a Community Compact IT grant for the cost of upgrading the emergency radio system. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint Janet Bergeron and Beth Roberge as election workers, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator

2021 LEGAL HOLIDAYS
Sunderland Personnel Bylaws §31-19

	Holiday	Observed
New Year's Day – January 1, 2021	Jan. 1, Fri.	Dec. 31, Thurs.*
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 18, 2021	Jan. 18, Mon.	Jan. 18, Mon.
Presidents' Day – February 15, 2021	Feb 15, Mon.	Feb. 15, Mon
Patriots' Day - Third Monday in April	Apr. 19, Mon.	Apr. 19, Mon.
Memorial Day - Last Monday in May	May 31, Mon.	May 31, Mon.
Independence Day - July 4th	July 4, Sun.	July 5, Mon. *
Labor Day - First Monday in September	Sept. 6, Mon.	Sept. 6, Mon.
Columbus Day - Second Monday in October	Oct. 11, Mon.	Oct. 11, Mon.
Veterans' Day - November 11th	Nov. 11, Thurs.	Nov. 11, Thurs.
Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November	Nov. 25, Thurs.	Nov. 25, Thurs.
Christmas Day - December 25th	Dec. 25, Sat.	Dec. 23, Thurs.*
New Year's Day – January 1, 2022	Jan. 1, Sat.	Dec. 30, Thurs *

*§31-19

- B. Holidays which fall on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday. Holidays which fall on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday.
- C. If a holiday falls on any weekday a regular employee is not normally scheduled to work, the holiday will be observed on the employee's preceding workday.