

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz
Others present: Chief Demetropoulos, Julie, J. Fydenkevez, C. Bennett, M. Weibel, T. Maroulis
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:33PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of October 19, 2020, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

GATHERINGS UPDATE: Chief Demetropoulos updated the Board on the number and type of calls to the larger apartment complexes in town since the end of August. He noted that vehicle violations were down, but noise complaints were up. Residents with noise or gathering concerns were advised to contact the owner/manager of the property, if known, and the police for noise, and the owner/manager, police or Board of Health for COVID concerns. The Chief stated that the department shares what is legally allowed with property owners/management so that they can conduct their own follow-up and if UMass students are involved, information is also shared with the University. The Selectboard stated their disappointment with the number of complaints at North 116 Flats and that the management hasn't taken more proactive steps manage issues. Ms. Weibel stated that no apartment has received multiple complaints, that concerned residents can reach management at 413-230-3874 and that management tries to resolve issues internally before contacting the police. Residents requested that North 116 Flats conduct outreach to neighbors to inform them how to contact the facility with concerns. Mr. Bergeron motion to sign and send a letter to DHCD and MassHousing about the town's early experience with the 40B project, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Mr. Emery stated that the Highway Department is finishing up some smaller projects on Pine Court and Old Amherst Road. He updated the Board on culvert repairs, utility tree work, and preparations for the winter season. The Board reviewed the draft mowing bid. Mr. Bergeron motion to insert language requiring a mandatory pre-bid walkthrough, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY PATHWAYS COMMITTEE: Mr. Bergeron motion to appoint Mark Zinan to the Community Pathways Committee, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: The Town Administrator noted that there was one new positive case in Sunderland, but that the town had moved from the "red" (>8 positive cases in the last 14 days) category to the "gray" category (<5 cases in the last 14 days). He noted that Frontier was seeking to be a subgrantee for Coronavirus Relief Funds and had executed a subgrantee agreement. Mr. Fydenkevez suggested reaching out to the South County Senior Center regarding potential COVID-related expenses. With regard to Halloween, there are no town-sponsored events due to the pandemic and information was posted on both the Police Department's Facebook page and town website.

BUDGET MEMO: Mr. Bergeron noted that the draft budget memo asked Departments, Boards, and Committees to submit budget requests reflecting level services, not level funding. Mr. Bergeron motion to send it out to departments, boards, and committees, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

GUNN PROPERTY APR: Mr. Pierce read the notices for both Gunn Parcels' Agricultural Protection Restriction. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to reduce the notice time for both properties to 60 days, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator noted that the Sunderland Elementary School was installing a sensory path.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron stated that the Village Center Committee met the previous Thursday to follow up on the MassDOT presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergeron motion to adjourn at 8:19 PM, Mr. Fydenkevez 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