

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz

Others present: H. Davis, T. Maroulis, S. Ball, L. Smith, N. Buffone, A. Becker, J. Pelletier, Chief Demetropoulos, J. Hescock, E. Crowe, P. Berman, L. Rivaïs, R. Brynda, B. Morton, Chief Benjamin, J. Unkles, A. Larose, D. Roscoe, G. Kurth, S. Schneider, S. Snyder, S. Gowa

Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergeron motion to approve Selectboard minutes of October 5, 2020, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

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

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: Ms. Rock noted that there have been 2 clusters of positive cases in the last two weeks, which has put Sunderland in the red/at-risk category. Both clusters are UMass students. Ms. Becker stated that when a student tests positive, UMass immediately investigates the case and begins working on contacting tracing. The case is entered into the UMass system and then transferred to MAVEN. Positive cases and close contacts are offered quarantine & isolation space on campus and receive daily wellness calls. The need for better communication between UMass and the Sunderland Board of Health and Public Health Nurse was identified to determine when a resident is moved out of Sunderland to quarantine and because the BOH is responsible for Sunderland residents. Off-campus students are directed to come to campus for regular testing, but not required to. UMass is conducting "knock and talks" to educate students about proper safety precautions. Sunderland residents have expressed concerns about becoming a high-risk community and how that will impact local businesses as K-12 education. Ms. Rock also recommended that there be no town-sponsored Halloween events this year due to the pandemic and advised responsible activities per the CDC guidance.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LEVEL CONTROL SYSTEM: Mr. Brynda noted that the original quote on which the capital request was made to replace the level control system did not include prevailing wage and an updated quote was received outside the scope of the appropriation. The Selectboard encouraged exploring whether any portion of the project could be prefabricated offsite and incentives that could bring the project back inline with what was originally budgeted.

FINANCE UPDATE: Mr. Morton stated that reconciliation has occurred through April 2020. He estimated that free cash and filing the schedule A would hopefully be in December.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC FORUM: Ms. Larose reviewed the purpose of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. She noted that the last plan, completed in 2014, looked at historical events and this update includes future projections. It identifies risks and vulnerable infrastructure, actions accomplished, and additional action items to be undertaken to increase resiliency. The draft plan will be available for public comment until October 28, then it will be adopted by the Selectboard before being reviewed by MEMA and FEMA. The FEMA review process can take as little as several months. Ms. Unkles asked about erosion on the Mt. Toby roads, which could be clarified in the report. Mr. Schneider noted that the 100-year floodplain is outdated. The new FEMA flood maps should be released in the next few years and that will be noted in the final report.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator stated that the town had applied for a Community Compact Cabinet IT Grant to fund the upgrades to radios for emergency responders.

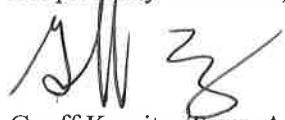
SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Fire Chief Benjamin for his work responding to storm damage last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Kravitz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator