

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020

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

Absent: S. Bergeron

Others present: Superintendent D. Modestow, P. Gagarin, G. Gottschalk, J. Corwin, L. Smith, J. Pelletier

Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES

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

BUSINESS

SCHOOL BUDGET CALENDAR: Superintendent Modestow stated that the hybrid model of learning in the schools is going well and the School Committees will be discussing adding more students in Phase III. He noted that the state metrics have changed, which is helpful for smaller towns. The Superintendent wanted to respond to the budget memo and raise concerns about submitting a budget proposal in early January given the uncertainty in Chapter 70 funding, among other revenue sources, as well as the expenses associated with the different learning models. He noted that capital requests would be available in January and that Frontier's capital borrowing and assessments to towns will not begin until FY23. The town and schools will continue to communicate as information becomes available and try to provide expenditure estimates in January, understanding that revenues will likely be unknown at that point. Mr. Gagarin noted that the school committees will begin discussing the budget in January or February and town representatives are welcome to listen and participate.

POTENTIAL DFG PURCHASE: The Department of Fish and Game is interested in potentially purchasing a parcel of land off Middle Mountain Road and would continue to allow recreational uses on the property. The Selectboard was asked for a letter of support. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to sign and send letter, Mr. Pierce second, vote 2-0.

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY: Ms. Smith stated that since the last meeting there have been two new cases reported in Sunderland and two new close contacts. The Town Administrator reiterated the Governor's orders that went into effect on Friday, and noted that the Town Office Building was open by appointment only.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator stated that he and the Highway Superintendent will be on South Silver Lane at 8:30am on Saturday to walk the area where the new sidewalk will go and answer residents' questions. The bid for lawn mowing and landscaping work has been put out with bids due at the end of the month.

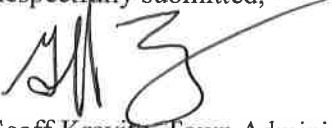
SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez thanks the voters, volunteers, and Town Clerk for their work running a smooth election this year. Mr. Pierce stated that the Personnel Committee was meeting on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator