

Sunderland Selectboard Minutes  
Monday, December 14, 2020

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz  
Others present: W. Houle, P. Gagarin, J. Pelletier  
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.  
Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of December 7, 2020, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

**SEWER RATE:** The Selectboard reviewed the proposed sewer rate for FY21. Mr. Bergeron requested additional information regarding the percentage increase in the contract for the Waste Water Treatment Plant contract, whether the contract can be amended to identify fiscal year payments, when current debt obligations will be paid off, and whether there will need to be additional borrowing in FY22, which the Town Administrator will investigate. Mr. Bergeron motion set the FY21 sewer rate at \$312.14, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron motion to include the unpaid sewer and water bills to the tax bill, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

**CAPITAL STABILIZATION:** Mr. Bergeron noted that Town Meeting voted to establish the capital stabilization fund and authorize the Selectboard to annually raise the amount up to 2.5%, keep it level, or decrease it. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to assess \$118,869 for the capital stabilization fund, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

**COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY:** The Town Administrator reported that there were 10 new positive cases since December 8 and it is anticipated that in the next reporting period the two-week total will be three cases more than the current two-week total. Mr. Gagarin stated that Frontier Regional schools have gone to a full remote learning model until at least January 4. Frontier is exceeding the minimum learning time state standards. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that there was an emergency meeting of the South County Senior Center Board of Oversight earlier in the day to discuss protocols for potential exposures and that staff is required to get a negative test before returning to work. Because the Senior Center is in Deerfield, the Deerfield Board of Health has jurisdiction. Asymptomatic testing is available at Greenfield Community College and UMass. Senior Center meal distributions will continue.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the festive lights throughout town demonstrates the community lifting each other's spirits and the hope throughout the town. Mr. Pierce noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on December 15.

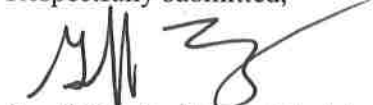
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Town Administrator asked about scheduling budget presentations and the next meeting on December 21. The Selectboard advised to have budget presentations on alternating weeks and that the December 21 meeting could be cancelled if there was no need to meet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergeron motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator