Sunderland Selectboard Monday, March 1, 2021

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz Others present: L. Smith, K. McFarland, P. Gagarin, J. Pelletier Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT. Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of February 22, 2021, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC WEIGHERS: Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve the slate of public weighers from Delta Sand & Gravel, as presented, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that there are currently 3 active COVID cases in Sunderland, two are coming off the list soon and one is isolating outside of town. Sunderland will likely have 7 when the next state report comes out. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available soon. It is a single dose and easier to store. Testing is still available at the UMass Mullins center. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked Tree House for hosting the clinic last week. 491 vaccines were administered and at least 20 Sunderland volunteers participated. He also thanked FRCOG, the Deerfield Board of Health and all who volunteered.

BUDGET & CAPITAL DISCUSSION: With regard to the operating budget, it is difficult to determine until the levy capacity is known. For capital, there is a tension between capital needs and the availability of funds. Mr. Bergeron also corrected a statement he made on March 22 with respect to the FY21 Sunderland Elementary School budget, which was level-funded.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron reminded people about the Town Caucus on Saturday and positions are available.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The closing on 120 North Main Street is expected to occur this week. The first quarterly report was submitted for the PARC grant. The town received the non-participating work agreement for paving and storm drain replacement on North Main Street. The town has been interviewing candidates for a Highway Laborer and Admin Assistant for the Board of Assessors and expects to have candidates to recommend for both positions shortly. The Complete Streets project is expected to commence around March 15, weather permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator