

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, April 12, 2021

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, G. Kravitz
Others present: L. Smith, P. Gagarin, K. McFarland, 508-***-*386
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:37PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of April 5, 2021, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that the numbers were similar to last week with about 8 current cases. There were 3 new cases reported, but the information may not have been accurate and is being investigated. She reminded residents to remain vigilant and continue to protect themselves and others even as more people become vaccinated.

BUDGET UPDATE: There will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee on Wednesday, April 14 at 6pm to discuss the budget. The town's finance team has been making progress catching up with reconciliations, with the goal of being reconciled within 30-45 days.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron noted that the police negotiations are making headway and closing in on an agreement in the next few meetings. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that town officials and employees met with MassDOT, the contractor, arborists, and the water commissioner to discuss the North Main Street project. It was a productive meeting. The town will be installing a metal fence to designate the Tree Protection Zone for the Buttonball tree this week. Other changes under consideration include elimination of the paved turnout and installing a curb to avoid soil compaction from vehicles pulling off the road. The group decided that repaving the existing sidewalk without removing it would be less impactful to the Buttonball Tree. There is currently a lull in local vaccination clinics, but the region is preparing for potential drive-through clinics in the coming weeks. All residents 16 years of age and older will be eligible for vaccines on April 19. Mr. Pierce congratulated the UMass hockey team on their national title.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The town's District Local Technical Assistance application was approved to update the housing plan. The Town Administrator was advised to review the Master Plan and determine what other aspects were due for updating. The limited reopening of the Town Office Building has gone well. Not much traffic and people are respectful of the protocols in place. The public was reminded that warrant articles are due by Friday, May 6.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator