

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, May 3, 2021

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz
Others present: L. Smith, P. Gagarin, J. Corwin, G. Gottschalk, J. Skibiski
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Selectboard minutes of April 26, 2021, Mr. Pierce second, vote 2-0.

BUSINESS

SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION: Mr. Pierce turned meeting over to the Town Administrator to accept nominations for reorganization of the Selectboard. Mr. Kravitz entertained nominations for Chair. Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Fydenkevez as Chair, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, no other nominations for Chair, vote 3-0.

Mr. Kravitz entertained nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Fydenkevez nominated Mr. Pierce as Vice Chair, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, no other nominations for Vice Chair, vote 3-0.

Mr. Kravitz entertained nominations for Clerk. Mr. Pierce nominated Ms. Drake-Tremblay as Clerk, Mr. Fydenkevez second, no other nominations for Clerk, vote 3-0.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that there was one new case today, bringing the total for the 2 week period to 6 cases. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that the state was back to Thanksgiving-like numbers. He also noted that there will be a drive through clinic on Friday at GCC. There is also pre-registration for a clinic on 5/16 in Deerfield that is available on the town website and people can also call to pre-register.

BUDGET UPDATE: The Town Administrator noted that the expense figures are being refined. The capital budget still needs to be finalized and the Capital Planning Committee is meeting on 5/13 to discuss and vote on recommendations. There is likely to be less than \$150,000 remaining in Free Cash. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the town used more Free Cash than usual last year for the operating budget, which contributed to less Free Cash this year than usual. The town has always budgeted conservatively, which is necessary in order to ensure a balanced budget.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez commented on the North Main Street project and noted that the town was being proactive and staying ahead of the work as much as possible. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to contact the town with questions, comments, and concerns. Mr. Pierce noted that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet this week.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

North Main Street work continued with air spading near the Buttonball Tree. The arborist was on site to oversee the work. The town also posted Tree Protection Zone signs along the chain link fence. Mr. Kravitz requested authorization to sign contract documents on behalf of the town related to the FRCOG highway procurements. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to authorize Mr. Kravitz, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0. Likely Town Meeting warrant articles include authorization to impose a municipal charges lien on real property for unpaid fees and fines, an article for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years, an article for post-employment benefits for Sunderland Elementary School Employees, an article to replace the police department's firearms, an article related to vacation time for new employees, and a petition article to prohibit the Sunderland police officers from enforcing federal immigration policies.

The Town Clerk updated the Selectboard on the election results, thanks the election workers, and congratulated the winners. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Fydenkevez thanked everyone who ran for office, congratulated the winners, and encouraged everyone to remain involved.

The Town Administrator also noted that a portion of Amherst Road, between Old Amherst Road and Main Street, will be closed Friday night from 7pm until 3am for filming of a TV show. The detour will be along Old Amherst Road and South Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator