

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, April 26, 2021

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, 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 20, 2021, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

OPEN 2021 ATM WARRANT: Mr. Fydenkevez motion to open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron noted that in the past there has been a short Special Town Meeting to deal with bills from prior years, but that can now be accomplished at Annual Town Meeting, so there will only be one Town Meeting on June 12.

APPOINT PUBLIC WEIGHERS: Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint Tim Smith and Peter Chmyzinski as Public Weighers, Mr. Bergeron second, vote 3-0.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that COVID infection rates continue to trend in a positive direction. There will likely be 6 cases in this week's state report, which is down from last week's report. The region has shifted models and there is a drive through clinic at Greenfield Community College on 4/29 and 4/30. At the last drive through clinic 1,100 vaccines were administered over a two-day period. Mr. Fydenkevez announced that there will likely be another South County clinic at the Tree House Brewery in Deerfield on May 16. Mr. Pierce noted that UMass is planning for the "full college experience" in the fall and vaccines will be required. Ms. Smith also reminded residents of high fire danger and to be careful with any outdoor fires.

BUDGET UPDATE: The Town Administrator provided an update on budget figures and projections. Of the approximately \$160,000 in outstanding tax collections as of July 1, all but \$14,000 has been collected.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron stated that the executive session later this evening would be to discuss a tentative agreement on a three-year contract with the police union. The discussions have been positive and fact-based. Mr. Pierce noted that the Personnel Committee was setting up their next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Work on North Main Street continues. The Town and MassDOT reinforced to the contractor that a certified arborist must be on site when work is being done within the trees' critical root zones (CRZ). Work is being conducted within the Buttonball's CRZ and an arborist is on site to oversee the work to ensure tree protection. Line striping is all that remains for the Complete Streets work on South Silver, South Main, and Falls Road, and meetings are scheduled with the project engineer and contractors in the coming weeks. The town's top two priorities for District Local Technical Assistance from FRCOG were both awarded. They were shared senior services for a needs assessment related to the South County Senior Center and updating the housing plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tonight is Mr. Bergeron's final meeting as a Selectboard Member. Mr. Bergeron was thanked for his service and dedication. Mr. Gagarin stated that Mr. Bergeron's focus on good governance and procedures made the town a better place and that he contributed immensely in many creative ways. Mr. Pierce stated that Mr. Bergeron will leave a legacy of emphasizing governing over politics. Mr. Fydenkevez appreciated Mr. Bergeron's ability to have constructive conversations and come to consensus, as well as his willingness to state a position that he may not agree with in order to ensure a full discussion before a decision is made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to enter executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) paragraph 7: To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements and MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) paragraph 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an

open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, Mr. Fydenkevez second, roll call vote. Mr. Bergron: aye; Mr. Fydenkevez: aye; Mr. Pierce: aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergeron motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM, Mr. Fydenkevez second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Kravitz', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator