

Sunderland Selectboard  
Monday, May 10, 2021

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

### MINUTES

Mr. Pierce motion to approve Selectboard minutes of May 3, 2021, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 2-0.

### BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that there was one new case last Wednesday. The next report will likely bring the total for the 2-week period to 6 cases. The town continues a downward trend of cases. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for people 12 years of age and older. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that there will be a vaccination clinic on Sunday from 10-1pm in Deerfield at the Tree House Brewery. People can sign up or just walk in. It is a one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Ms. Rock sent vaccination data showing that over 75% of residents age 30 and above have received at least one shot and 50% of that group are fully vaccinated.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: A change in state law requires communities to actively opt out of state mosquito control efforts. Those efforts would only occur if the Department of Public Health declares that a hazard exists and issues a certificate. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the town could join the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD), which would do mosquito surveillance throughout town. Ms. Rock stated that several years ago the Board of Health voted not to join a mosquito control district because of the lack of evidence of mosquito borne illnesses and the cost of joining the program. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that if the town joins the PVMCD it will provide data and potentially avoid wide-area insecticide spraying. Possible funding sources were discussed and the Town Administrator will do additional research on options.

MUNICIPAL LIEN WARRANT ARTICLE: Ms. Rock introduced the municipal lien warrant article. Attorneys are now required in housing court, it doesn't make sense to use the housing court to recover fees because the cost of the attorney would exceed the amount of the fee/fine. Ms. McNeely stated that a similar bylaw was passed in Montague in 2013 and it has proven to be a cost-effective way to collect fees and fines. This would only be used if corrective action has not been taken and the town needs to go back a third (or more) time to inspect the property.

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Selectboard requested a list of committees and who had previously been assigned, to discuss at the following meeting.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW:

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 1 (reports) on the warrant and recommend to Town Meeting, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 2 (prior year bills) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 3 (elected official compensation) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 4 (operating budget) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 5 (capital budget) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 6 (municipal charges lien) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 7 (SES OPEB) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 8 (firearms replacement) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Article 9: Funds for the Elm Tree warrant article is included in the Tree Warden budget, but temporarily kept on the warrant in case it is removed from the budget.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 10 (CPA – Early Ed Playground) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 11 (CPA – Graves Memorial Lib. Repointing) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 12 (CPA – Soccer Field Irrigation) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 13 (CPA – Riverside Park Restrooms) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 14 (CPA – Administrative article) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 15 (revolving funds) on the warrant and recommend to Town Meeting, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 16 (mosquito control district) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 17 (Safe Community Bylaw) on the warrant, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 18 (Personnel Bylaw) on the warrant and recommend to Town Meeting, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Mr. Pierce motion to include Article 19-24 (consent articles) on the warrant and recommend to Town Meeting, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

BUDGET: The Town Administrator stated a request had been made to include \$500 in the budget for care of the North Sunderland Cemetery. He was to report on how the previous \$500 FY19 appropriation was spent.

MEMORIAL DAY: The plan for the Memorial Day Ceremony will be similar to last year: gather at Riverside Cemetery, but no parade. More people can participate with easing COVID restrictions. The town will look into purchasing signage to place along Cemetery Road asking people to maintain social distancing.

#### SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez thanked the Board of Health for the encouraging report on vaccinations locally. The statewide and national numbers are also promising, but there is still work to get everyone vaccinated.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The contractors on North Main Street requested to detour southbound traffic along North Silver Lane. Concerns were raised about routing significant truck and vehicle traffic on that road, including pedestrian safety. Mr. Fydenkevez also asked the Town Administrator to communicate that when the contractors leave for the day, the road must be in passable condition. A lower speed limit and doubled fines in a construction zone may also be helpful. The Complete Street plan for Falls Road has changed slightly. Edge striping the road is not feasible as it will result in travel lanes that are too narrow. Instead, bicycle sharrows will be placed along the edge and the center line will be restriped.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pierce motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MK' followed by a stylized flourish.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator

