

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, June 7, 2021

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz
Others present: L. Smith, P. Gagarin, J. Unkles, J. Skibiski, J. Pelletier
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:36PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Pierce motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2021, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF DAN MURPHY TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Ms. Unkles stated that Mr. Murphy is an engineer and familiar with wetlands. He would add great value to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that Sunderland has been very lucky to have Mr. Curt Griffin serve on the ConCom for several decades and fortunate to have such a dedicated committee. Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Mr. Murphy for the unexpired term of Mr. Griffin, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

NORTH MAIN STREET: Milling of the roadway has begun. Signage and high visibility safety cones and barrels have been placed to calm traffic. A weekly meeting is being set up between MassDOT, the contractor, and the town, as well as a specific meeting with the arborists to discuss how to minimize tree impact during sidewalk work. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the town had sent a letter to MassDOT explaining the town's concerns and seeking additional oversight of the contractors.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Pierce motion to appoint the employees and boards and committees as presented, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Smith stated that for the third week in a row there are zero new cases in Sunderland but advised residents to continue precautions. Mr. Fydenkevez requested that people respect those who choose to continue to wear a mask. With the end of the statewide emergency declaration scheduled for June 15, the town plans to fully reopen the Town Office Building that day, resume pre-pandemic hours, and return to in-person meetings. Mr. Pierce motion to rescind the local state of emergency when the statewide state of emergency has been rescinded, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

SUMMER SELECTBOARD SCHEDULE: Mr. Pierce motion to adopt the summer schedule as presented, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

BUDGET & WARRANT REVIEW: The only change from last week is that the article for firearm replacement has changed from \$9,000 to \$7,000 on advise of the police chief. At the June 1 meeting, Mr. Gagarin had asked what the FY22 tax rate looked like. The assessors advised that because the entire town is going through a revaluation process this year, it is difficult to determine. Mr. Gagarin noted that assessments won't impact the budget, just the tax rate. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the debt exclusions for the library and public safety complex were coming off this year, which should lower the tax rate.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to be outdoors at 4pm on June 12 behind the Town Office Building. The major differences this year will be no individual spaces for meeting participants and that participants can use the restrooms in the Town Office Building. The weather is forecast to be in the 70s with only a slight chance of rain.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the next Selectboard meeting will be at 3:30pm on Saturday June 12, prior to Town Meeting. The next Monday night Selectboard meeting will be at 6:30pm on June 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Kravitz', written over a horizontal line.

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator

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TO: Selectboard
FROM: Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator
SUBJECT: 2021 Summer Schedule
DATE: June 7, 2021

A proposal for the Sunderland Selectboard's summer schedule is as follows:

- Monday, June 21, 2021
- Monday, July 12, 2021
- Monday, July 26, 2021
- Monday, August 9, 2021
- Monday August 23, 2021

Weekly meetings to resume on Monday, September 13, 2021.

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2021 Town Employee Appointments

Accountant (Contracted – FRCOG): David Nordstrom
Administrative Assistant: Cynthia Bennett
Assessors Office- Admin. Assistant: David Zagorski
Board of Health Agent (Contracted): Stephen Ball
Board of Health Clerk: Cynthia Bennett
Building Commissioner: Thomas Quinlan Jr.
Asst. Bldg. Inspector: Mark Snow
Asst. Bldg. Inspector: Ronald Laurin
Asst. Bldg. Inspector: Louis Hasbrouk
Collector/Treasurer: Heather Davis
Asst. Collector/Treasurer: Geoff Kravitz
Town Administrator (Contracted): Geoff Kravitz
Fire Chief: Steven Benjamin

Highway Department Supt.: George Emery
Highway Dept. Laborer: Hayden Kanash
Highway Dept. Laborer: Arnold Rose
Highway Dept. Temp. Laborer: Duane Jenks
Highway Dept. Temp. Laborer: Hanson David
Highway Dept. Temp. Laborer: Fred Laurenitis
Highway Dept. Temp. Laborer: Peyton Emery
Highway Dept. Temp. Laborer: Connor Waitkus

Plumbing & Gas Inspector: Steven Baronoski
Alt. Plumbing & Gas Inspector: Mark Wendolowski

Police Chief (Contracted): Erik Demetropoulos
Police Dept.-Police Clerk: April Griffin
Police Dept.-FT Officer: Benjamin Peters
Police Dept.-FT Officer: Peter Scoble
Police Dept.-FT Officer: Brenda Tozloski
Police Dept.-FT Sgt.: Brendan Lyons
Police Dept.-PT Officer: Zachary Smith
Police Dept.-PT Officer: Gerald Beltran
Police Dept.-PT Officer: Vincent Fabi

Police Dept.-PT Officer: Dale Brown
Police Dept.-PT Officer: Benjamin Drake
Police Dept.-PT Officer: Jordan Zukowski

Recreation Coordinator: James Ewen

Payroll Clerk: Joanne Beagel

Wiring Inspector: Peter Murphy
Wiring Inspector-Alt.: Bill Erman

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2021 Town Appointments – Boards and Committees

120 North Main Street Committee:

- Stuart Beckley
- Carl Fiocchi
- Scott Bergeron
- Tom Fydenkevez (Alt)
- Leon Markowski
- Jeff O'Brien
- Patricia Patenaude
- Lorin Starr
- Mark Zinan
- Nancy Pick
- Sara Snyder
- Rock Warner

Agricultural Commission:

- Robert Williams
- Other Members:
 - Jennifer Unkles (2022)
 - Scott Reed (2022)
 - Megan Arquin (2023)

Anti-Harassment Officer:

- Elizabeth Sillin

Capital Improvement Planning Committee:

- David Pierce
- Gerald Bridwell
- James Kowaleck
- Peter Gagarin
- Dana Roscoe
- Rock Warner

Civil Defense-EMD:

- Laurie Smith

Community Pathways Committee:

- Ian Lippincott
- Scott Smith

Community Preservation Committee:

- Dana Roscoe (Planning Rep)
- Jennifer Unkles (Con Com Rep)
- Helen Clark
- Mike Wisseman (Citizen Rep)
- Other Members:
 - Meghan Arquin (Recreation Rep - 2022)
 - Peter Jessop (Housing Rep - 2022)
 - Tom Fydenkevez (Citizen Rep - 2022)

Conservation Commission: 3-year apptmt

- Gabrielle Kurth
- Dan Murphy
- Other Members:
 - Mark Zinan (2022)
 - Jennifer Unkles (2023)
 - Nancy Pick (2023)

Constables:

- Fred Laurenitis
- Allan Richards
- Michael Wozniakewicz

Council On Aging: 3-year apptmt

- Elizabeth Foster – 1 year
- LaDonna Olanyk – 2 year
- Mary Ann Kowaleck – 3 year

Economic Development Committee: didn't send to this group – been inactive for years

- Jim Berontas
- Aleks Kajstura
- Fred Laurenitis
- David Pierce
- Barre Tozloski
- Rock Warner, Jr.

Energy Committee:

- **Aaron Falbel**
- **Scott Reed**
- **Laura Williams**
- **David Goodwin**
- **Gabrielle Fox**

Franklin County Solid Waste Rep:

- VACANT

Franklin County Regional Planning Board:

- **Mark Zinan**

Franklin Technical School Com. Rep:

- James Bernotas

Hazardous Waste Coordinator:

- VACANT

Historical Commission:

- **Carl Fiocchi**
- **Helen Clark**
- Other Members:
 - Wendy Houle (2022)
 - Cindy Benjamin (2022)
 - Stephen Schneider (2023)
 - Jessica Skibiski (2023)
 - Margaret Orelup (2023)

Housing Committee:

- **Peter Jessop**
- **Stuart Beckley**
- Other Members:
 - Christyl Drake-Tremblay (2022)

Parking Clerk:

- **Heather Davis**

Personnel Committee: 2 year appointments

- George Emery (Employee)
- Francis Mozea (Finance Committee)

- Christyl Drake-Tremblay (Selectboard)
- Michael Wozniakiewicz (Citizen)
- VACANT (Citizen)

Recreation Committee:

- Meghan Arquin

Registrars: per Town Clerk

- Edward Kelley (2023)

South Country EMS Board of Oversight:
Selectboard Appointments I believe

- Robert Ahearn
- Tom Fydenkevez

Sunderland Ditch Committee:

- David Pierce
- Mark Zinan
- Dewitt Thompson
- Gerald Bak
- James Perot

Sunderland Emergency Preparedness Team:

- Stephen Ball
- Ben Barshefsky
- Scott Bergeron
- George Emery
- Tom Fydenkevez
- Fred Laurenitis
- Geoff Kravitz
- David Pierce
- Erik Demetropoulos
- Steve Benjamin
- Marc Tremblay

Teacher Union 38 & Instructional Assistants
Rep.: Board appointment

- David Pierce

Town Counsel:

- KP Law

Veterans Agent:

- Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Dist.

Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District
Rep.:

- VACANT

Veterans Graves Officer:

- VACANT

Veterans Memorial Oversight Committee:

- **Michael Ahearn**
- VACANT (2022)
- VACANT (2023)

Village Center Committee:

- Christyl Drake Tremblay (Selectboard)
- **Rock Warner (Community Pathways)**
- **Jessica Skibiski (Historical)**
- **Lorin Starr (at-large)**
- **Elizabeth Sillin (at-large)**

ZBA:

- **Stuart Beckley**
- Other Members:
 - Steven Krol (2022)
 - Barre Tozloski (2022)
 - James Bernotas (2023)
 - James Williams, Jr. (2023)

ZBA Associate Members (yearly apptmts): Chair-
Steve Krol is checking with members. The other
membership is staggered

- Stephen Schneider (Planning)
- **Rock Warner**
- **Hollis Graves**