

Sunderland Selectboard  
Monday, June 21, 2021

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz  
Others present: Sgt. B. Lyons, Officer Zukowski, T. Beadry, D. Fernandes (phone)  
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.  
Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

#### MINUTES

Mr. Pierce motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

#### BUSINESS

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS:** Sgt. Lyons introduced candidates Beadry and Fernandes. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that due to the part-time nature of the work, it is often more difficult than fulltime officers who can become more familiar with the community. The department had a high of 15 part time officers at one point, now down to six. These officers would help the department fill shifts. Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Ms. Beadry and Mr. Fernandes as part time officers for the remainder of FY21 and FY22, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

**ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE:** The Board reviewed the application for a one-day liquor license on July 17. All relevant departments responded that there were no concerns with granting the license. Mr. Pierce motion to support the application for a one-day liquor license, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Several journal entries requested by the school, amounting to approximately \$89,000 at the end of FY20 were not entered into the system. This could have been a hit to FY21 Free Cash, however, the accountant also discovered approximately \$87,000 in erroneous accounting that will be credited to Free Cash. The Selectboard expressed frustration and asked that the Town Administrator report back on the conversation with FRCOG regarding these errors. Mr. Fydenkevez also noted that Greenfield Community College will be starting a municipal accounting course.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REVIEW:** All articles at the Annual Town Meeting passed. Mr. Fydenkevez praised the audio, as well as the work of the Town Clerk and Town Moderator, and encouraged residents to participate in Annual Town Meeting because that is the opportunity to vote on the towns budget and bylaws.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Mr. Fydenkevez asked if people could continue to participate in meetings remotely. The town is working with FCAT to allow people to participate via Zoom. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the Town Office Building is now open during pre-pandemic hours and the library is open without an appointment two days per week.

#### SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez reported on the South County EMS Board of Oversight meeting. The SCEMS budget passed in all three towns. Calls are back to approximately 1,200/year. He also noted that the South County Senior Center picnic was held on Wednesday, June 16 and that the SCSC is expected to meet soon. Mr. Fydenkevez also noted that school is out and thanked the administration, teachers, and school committee members for doing an incredible job during the pandemic.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The consultants for the town's Rapid Recovery Grant will be meeting with the Village Center Committee on July 8 and will present a list of potential actions at the Selectboard meeting on July 26. The Open Space and Recreation Committee is also planning a public meeting in July to review and receive comments on the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan update. The contractors working on North Main Street are planning to pave the week of June 28. Physical notification was distributed by the contractor to residents of North Main Street, and the town posted information to the website and on FCAT. The town has an opportunity to request funds from the American Jobs Plan. The Selectboard discussed priorities and the top three were 1) HVAC improvements to the public safety complex, adding air conditioning to the elementary school library and gym, and adding exhaust systems for the fire and highway garage bays, 2) electric transportation for seniors, 3) sewer extension to the southern end of town.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator