

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, August 9, 2021

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz
Others present: R. Crochetiere, P. Gagarin
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

A CLEAR VIEW WINDOWS AND MORE: Mr. Crochetiere, owner of A Clear View Windows and More, introduced himself and his business, which offers window cleaning and replacement services, screen repair, ice machine servicing and cleaning, and other services. The business is located in the same building as Wild Roots, the Willoughby Salon, and Adventure East. Mr. Crochetiere can be reached by phone at 413-768-7663 or email at 413clearviewwindowsandmore@gmail.com. Adventure East is another new business in town that offers kayak, bicycle, and hiking tours in the region. Adventure East can be reached at 413-800-5345 or www.adventureeast.com. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked the businesses for choosing to locate in Sunderland and offered the town's support.

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PLAN FUNDS: Sunderland is expected to receive \$1,084,733 from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), which is available to be spent between now and December 31, 2024. There are five categories of eligible expenditures: support public health; address negative economic impacts of the pandemic; replace public sector revenue loss; provide premium pay for essential workers; invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Approximately \$345,000 of the funds may be used for revenue replacement. Mr. Fydenkevez suggested meeting with department heads for their input on use of funds, and also recommended looking at using the funds to remediate sewer infiltration and new streetlights for pedestrians.

APPOINTMENT OF ADA COORDINATOR: Mr. Pierce motion to appoint the Town Administrator as the ADA Coordinator, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the South County Senior Center Director has resigned and the Board of Oversight is in the process of searching for a new director. The Council on Aging is seeking members. The town should reach out to PVRTA and FRTA to ensure adequate transportation for people who will be living at the new senior housing development so they can access the senior center.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Sunderland has experienced a total of 3 COVID cases since July 1. The Board of Health noted the high vaccination rate as a reason for the low number of cases, but stated that it remained critical to stay vigilant with hand washing, social distancing, and masking to protect the unvaccinated, including children. Old Amherst Road is being repaved and is expected to be completed by Wednesday, August 18. The Morse Hill Outdoor Center will be camping in Riverside Park the night of Thursday August 19. The Open Space and Recreation Plan ad hoc committee met on August 2 to present the draft Open Space & Recreation Plan Update. The prioritization survey for that plan is available on the town's website until August 20. The town put out a procurement for cleaning services. Only the current cleaning company responded and their bid was similar to what the town currently pays. Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to accept the recommendation of the procurement officer to award the cleaning contract to Celso Enterprises. Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator