

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, August 30, 2021

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz
Others present: C. Rock, L. Smith, P. Gagarin, E. Sillin, J. Pelletier
Meeting via Zoom recorded by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Pierce motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATE: Ms. Rock joined to announce that the Board of Health (BOH) voted to issue a mask mandate for public buildings and a mask advisory for indoor private spaces beginning on Friday, September 3, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. There will be a formal review every 30 days, but the BOH will continue to track numbers and perform an informal review weekly, or more frequently if needed. The number of COVID cases in the region is increasing, but Sunderland has not seen more than 2 or 3 cases at a time throughout the summer. Approximately 2/3 of the Sunderland population has been vaccinated. Ms. Smith agreed with the BOH's recommendations.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mr. Fydenkevez lead a moment of silence for the 13 military members killed in Afghanistan.

SINGLE PRECINCT AFFIRMATION: The Town Administrator explained that the 2020 Census data showed that Sunderland was of a sufficient size to remain a single voting precinct, which must be confirmed by the Selectboard. Mr. Pierce motion to certify Sunderland as a single precinct, Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, vote 3-0.

NOTARY INSURANCE: The Town's insurance policy does not cover notary services performed for members of the public. The Town received a quote to cover notary services to the public, which would be approximately \$1,000 per year. The Town will amend its policy to include notary services and offer it free to residents.

MARIJUANA HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT TEMPLATE & PROCESS: The Town Administrator proposed a process for evaluating potential marijuana retailers to determine whether to enter into a Host Community Agreement (HCA). The Selectboard will review and provide feedback on both the process and model HCA.

FY21 DEFICIT COVERAGE: The Finance Committee is scheduled to review the accountant's recommendations for deficit coverage on Tuesday, August 31. The Selectboard will discuss at the next meeting.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Fydenkevez asked the Town Administrator to work with the Town Administrators in Deerfield and Whately to set up a South County Senior Center Board of Oversight meeting to discuss the job description for the Senior Center Director, the usability of the current location, and reorganization of the Board of Oversight. He also noted that training for COVID-19 booster shots has begun and people should remain vigilant, especially as we enter the new school year with new residents and students of all ages out and about.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

There will be a flu clinic for seniors at the South County Senior Center on 9/30 and one for all ages on 10/3. Registration is available on the town's website, by calling 413-665-9508 and at www.franklincountymavaccine.org/. Interviews with candidates for the Animal Control Officer position have been scheduled. The Town is working with FRCOG to prepare bid documents for the Riverside Park project. Looking ahead, the draft final Rapid Recovery Plan is scheduled for 9/27 and the final Open Space & Recreation Plan update is scheduled for 10/4.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 7:17 PM, Mr. Pierce second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoff Kravitz, Town Administrator