

Sunderland Selectboard

Regular Meeting

Date: January 7, 2013

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for Record

Date: Jan 10, 2013 Time: 11:55 AM

Attest: Rose by Stone cert.

Board Members Present: Mark Hyde, Judy Edmunds, James Ennis

Others Present: Rose Keough, Kevin Marvelli, Michael Garvey, Michael Batcher, John Williams, David Kiernan, John Stuermer, Marc Johnston, Michael Perra

Mr. Hyde called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of December 17, 2012

Mr. Ennis made the motion and Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion to accept the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

New Business

Road Liaison and Highway Foreman

Tree cutting should be starting this month. Prices for painting the town garage and roof are being checked at this time.

Grant (Reimbursement Program for 2-e-Vermont Computers)

Ms. Edmunds and Mr. Hyde have been working on the above grant and two computers have been purchased for the town.

Town Employee Compensation

After discussion Mr. Ennis made the motion and Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion for a 2% cost of living increase for the next fiscal year – July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - for the following town employees – Rose Keough, Rose Stone, Kay Kwasniewski, Marc Johnston and Anthony Ennis, Jr. Motion carried.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Round 4

Mr. Michael Batcher, from BCRC, gave the Board a presentation regarding the above. The State of Vermont received a federal disaster declaration for damages resulting from the high wind and flooding events, which occurred in May, 2012. The state also received additional mitigation funding in connection with the disaster declared last year due to tropical storm Irene. In addition to FEMA Public Assistance, there are additional federal mitigation funds available to all Vermont towns through the ***Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)***. The Town of Sunderland is encouraged to identify potential hazard mitigation sites in the community and to apply for funds under the HMGP Grant Program.

Emergency Management Coordinator Position

Mr. Hyde made the motion and Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion to appoint Mr. David Kiernan for the above position. Motion carried.

FEMA Flood Plain Regulations

A coordinated joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th, at 6:30 PM to be held at the Sunderland Elementary School for the Selectboard, Planning Board and Zoning Administrator for the purpose of reviewing the state's comments on the present town plan to either make changes or resubmit the plan as is.

Bonding For Proposed Town Hall Project

Mr. John Williams, Bonding Liaison, gave the Board an update on the above. Mr. Williams has had a conversation with the Attorney, Bonding Bank, and the Accountants and said project is moving forward as scheduled. All calendar requirements are tentatively proposed at this time. Ms. Edmunds made the motion and Mr. Ennis seconded the motion to endorse the Selectboard's approval to sign the Resolution of Bond Intent and Approval of Warning. Motion carried. The Warning will be physically posted at the Town Clerk's Office, the Sunderland Elementary School and the Town Garage, in front of the Ira Allen Inn and on the future Town Hall Property as well as printed in its entirety in the Bennington Banner.

A public informational meeting is scheduled regarding the Town Hall Project at the March 4th Town Meeting to be held at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:00 PM.

Proposed General Fund and Highway Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Ms. Keough, the Town of Sunderland Town Clerk, gave the Board an update on the above.

Town Health Personnel Insurance Policy

Mr. Ennis made the motion and Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion to amend the above to provide health insurance for anyone working over 30 hours per week. Motion carried. Ms. Edmunds made the motion and Mr. Ennis seconded the motion to include medical health insurance in the next budget for Ms. Rose Keough, the Sunderland Town Clerk. Motion carried.

New Liquor License Request – Ira Allen House

The Board approved and signed the above.

2013 – 2014 Budget Appropriation Requests

The Board authorized the following:

Burdett Commons, Inc.	-	\$ 1,000.00 (Separate article)
(Motion made by Mr. Ennis and seconded by Ms. Edmunds – Motion carried)		
Arlington Community Club	-	Denied
VCIL	-	\$ 200.00
Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.	-	\$25,000.00 (Separate article)
(Motion made by Ms. Edmunds and seconded by Mr. Ennis – Motion carried)		
The Tutorial Center, Inc.	-	\$ 225.00

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State of Vermont – Re: 2013 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Mr. Ennis will follow up on the above.

Grouping Appropriations at Town Meeting

The possibility of doing the above was discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that this would not be appropriate.

Tree Concern

Mr. Stuermer voiced his concern regarding a tree adjacent to his property. Mr. Ennis will discuss this matter with Mr. Johnston.

Deaf Signs – Flynn Hollow Road

Mr. Michael Perra, a resident of Flynn Hollow Road, informed the Board that the above signs were no longer necessary.

With no further business before the Selectboard, Mr. Ennis made the motion and Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Note: Session televised by GNAT-TV

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Kwasniewski
Secretary to the Board